

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 186

2024 Regular Session

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PARISH/ORDINANCES: Provides relative to maximum penalties for violations of ordinances in Jefferson Parish

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Remove proposed law providing that penalties for violations of Jefferson Parish ordinances are not subject to a maximum established by state law.
2. Increase the maximum fine for violations of Jefferson Parish ordinances from \$500 to \$1,000.
3. Add provisions for maximum fines for violations on industrial properties, which are \$25,000 for a first violation and \$50,000 for a subsequent violation.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that the penalty that may be imposed for a violation of a parish ordinance is a \$500 fine and imprisonment of 30 days in the parish jail. Provides that the maximum penalty that may be imposed for certain ordinances in East Baton Rouge Parish is a \$1,000 fine and imprisonment of six months in the parish jail.

Present law authorizes the imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 a day for each violation of certain waste treatment ordinances. Additionally authorizes the imposition of up to 100 hours of community service, in addition to, or in lieu of, penalties authorized by present law for a violation of a parish ordinance.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that in Jefferson Parish the maximum penalty that may be imposed for the violation of a parish ordinance is a \$500 fine and imprisonment of six months in the parish jail. Proposed law increases the maximum fine to \$1,000.

Present law additionally authorizes the Jefferson Parish governing authority to impose a fine of not more than \$5,000 and imprisonment of six months in the parish jail for the violation of certain ordinances, including any ordinance prohibiting the dumping of trash, debris, garbage, or other solid and liquid waste.

Proposed law additionally authorizes the Jefferson Parish governing authority to impose higher fines for a violation of a parish ordinance on property zoned or used for industrial activities. Provides that the maximum fines for violations on such property are \$25,000 for a first violation and \$50,000 for a subsequent violation.

(Amends R.S. 33:1243(B))