
DIGEST

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SB 22 Engrossed

2025 Regular Session

Hodges

Proposed law adds equipment and communication wires that are connected to certain facilities to the definition of "critical infrastructure" that appears in present law.

Proposed law creates the crime of theft of critical infrastructure and makes it a crime to misappropriate, take, or illegally possess any critical infrastructure belonging to another with the intent to permanently deprive the owner of whatever was taken.

Proposed law provides definitions relative to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that a person convicted of theft of critical infrastructure when the misappropriation, taking, or illegal possession amounts to a value of less than \$25,000 shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than 15 years, or both.

Proposed law provides that a person convicted of theft of critical infrastructure when the misappropriation, taking, or illegal possession amounts to a value of \$25,000 or more shall be fined not more than \$50,000, or imprisoned at hard labor for not more than 20 years, or both.

Proposed law provides that a person convicted of theft of critical infrastructure wherein it is foreseeable that human life will be threatened as a result of the theft shall be fined not more than \$50,000, or imprisoned at hard labor for not more than 20 years, or both.

Proposed law provides that a person convicted of theft of critical infrastructure, in addition to other proposed law penalties, shall be ordered to make full restitution to the victim in accordance with present law.

Effective Aug. 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 14:61(B)(1); Adds R.S. 14:67.24)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Delete proposed law relative to the crime of theft of utility property.
2. Add proposed law relative to the crime of theft of critical infrastructure, including definitions and penalties.
3. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Restructure the definition of "critical infrastructure".

3. Add equipment and communication wires that are connected to certain facilities to the definition of "critical infrastructure".