

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

CRIME: Creates the crime of obstruction of a legislative proceeding

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 62(C) and to enact R.S. 14:130.2
3 and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 611(D)(3), relative to crimes affecting the
4 legislature; to create the crime of obstruction of a legislative proceeding; to provide
5 for a definition; to provide for penalties; to provide relative to the authority of the
6 attorney general; to provide for venue; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:130.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §130.2. Obstruction of a legislative proceeding

10 A. The crime of obstruction of a legislative proceeding is any of the
11 following when committed with the knowledge that such act has, reasonably may,
12 or will affect an actual or potential present, past, or future legislative proceeding as
13 described in this Section:

14 (1) Impeding the due and proper administration of any legislative proceeding
15 or the due and proper exercise of the power of inquiry under which any inquiry or
16 investigation is conducted by either house of the legislature.

17 (2) Using or threatening force toward the person or property of a legislator
18 with the specific intent to do any of the following:

19 (a) Hinder, delay, or prevent the legislator from attending or participating in
20 a legislative proceeding.

21 (b) Influence the conduct of the legislator in a legislative proceeding.

1 B.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, whoever
2 commits the crime of obstruction of a legislative proceeding shall be imprisoned for
3 not more than six months.

4 (2) Whoever commits the crime of obstruction of a legislative proceeding
5 that results in an injury that requires medical attention shall be imprisoned with or
6 without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than three years.

7 C. For the purposes of this Section, "legislative proceeding" means any of
8 the following:

9 (1) A committee or subcommittee meeting of either house of the legislature.

10 (2) A joint committee meeting of both houses of the legislature.

11 (3) The convening of either house of the legislature in its respective
12 chamber.

13 (4) Any other committee, board, or entity of which a legislator is a member.

14 Section 2. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 62(C) is hereby amended and
15 reenacted and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 611(D)(3) is hereby enacted to read as
16 follows:

17 Art. 62. Authority of attorney general; supervision of district attorney

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C. In any criminal action or proceeding involving a homicidal death or
obstruction of a legislative proceeding, if deemed necessary for the assertion or
protection of the rights and interests of the state, and in accordance with the
provisions of Article IV, Section 8 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the attorney
general may, with the consent of the district attorney, investigate, prosecute or
intervene in the action or proceeding.

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26 Art. 611. Venue; trial where offense committed

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1 (3) If the offender is charged with the crime of obstruction of a legislative
2 proceeding, the offense is deemed to have been committed in any of the following:

3 (a) The parish of the underlying actual or potential present, past, or future
4 criminal proceeding or investigation.

5 (b) The parish where any act or element constituting the basis for the
6 obstruction of a legislative proceeding prosecution occurred.

7 (c) East Baton Rouge Parish.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the crime of obstruction of a legislative proceeding and provides with respect to penalties and venue.

Proposed law creates the crime of obstruction of a legislative proceeding and provides that this offense is committed when the offender has knowledge that such act has, reasonably may, or will affect an actual or potential present, past, or future legislative proceeding through any of the following:

- (1) Impeding the due and proper administration of any legislative proceeding or the due and proper exercise of the power of inquiry under which any inquiry or investigation is conducted by either house of the legislature.
- (2) Using or threatening force toward the person or property of a legislator with the specific intent to do any of the following:
 - (a) Hinder, delay, or prevent the legislator from attending or participating in a legislative proceeding.
 - (b) Influence the conduct of the legislator in a legislative proceeding.

Proposed law provides for penalties as follows:

- (1) Imprisonment for not more than six months.
- (2) If the violation results in an injury that requires medical attention, imprisonment with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than three years.

Proposed law defines the term "legislative proceeding".

Present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 62) provides for authority of the attorney general relative to supervision of district attorneys in the state of La.

Proposed law generally retains present law.

Present law authorizes the attorney general, with the consent of the district attorney, to investigate, prosecute, or intervene in any criminal action or proceeding involving a homicidal death, if deemed necessary for the assertion or protection of the rights and interests of the state and in accordance with present law (Const. Art. IV, Sec. 8).

Proposed law amends present law to include any criminal action or proceeding involving obstruction of a legislative proceeding. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 611) provides that the venue for a trial is where the offense is committed.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that if the offender is charged with the crime of obstruction of a legislative proceeding, the offense is deemed to have been committed in any of the following:

- (1) The parish of the underlying actual or potential present, past, or future criminal proceeding or investigation.
- (2) The parish where any act or element constituting the basis for the obstruction of a legislative proceeding prosecution occurred.
- (3) East Baton Rouge Parish.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 62(C); Adds R.S. 14:130.2 and C.Cr.P. Art. 611(D)(3))