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## DIGEST

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Ellington

HB No. 378

**Abstract:** Provides for payment of progressive stage payments under public contracts.

Present law provides that all public entities must promptly pay all progressive stage payments and final payments when they become due and payable under the contract, without waiver by contract. Further provides that any public entity failing to make any final payments after formal final acceptance and within 45 days following receipt of a clear lien certificate by the public entity shall be liable for reasonable attorney fees.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that any public entity failing to make progressive stage payments within 30 days of the due date shall be liable for reasonable attorney fees.

(Amends R.S. 38:2191)