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## DIGEST

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HB No. 488

**Abstract:** Requires state entities to accept cash for transactions of \$250 or less and requires state agencies to accept credit cards, debit cards, or similar payment devices.

Proposed law requires any state department, agency, board, commission, or other state entity which accepts payments for obligations due to accept cash for any transaction \$250 or less as a means of satisfying the obligation.

Present law authorizes state agencies to accept credit cards, debit cards, or similar payment devices approved by the treasurer and provides for the treasurer to establish fees for such transactions (R.S. 49:316.1) and provides for a separate authorization for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services (R.S. 40:1322(A)), to accept similar cards. Present law allows for the collection of fees on credit card transactions.

Proposed law retains the fee provisions of present law, but requires state agencies to accept credit cards on transactions.

(Amends R.S. 40:1322(A) and R.S. 49:316.1 (A)(1); Adds R.S. 39:249)