

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 528

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part XII of Chapter 6 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 33:3101, relative to the city of New Orleans; to provide for the
4 creation of a municipal revenue amnesty program; to provide relative to the
5 operation and administration of the program; to prohibit certain persons from
6 participating in the program; to authorize the city to cooperate with the New Orleans
7 Sewerage and Water Board and other political subdivisions to allow their
8 participation in the program; and to provide for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
10 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
11 Louisiana.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. Part XII of Chapter 6 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
14 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:3101, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 PART XII. MUNICIPAL REVENUE AMNESTY PROGRAM

16 §3101. Municipal revenue amnesty program; city of New Orleans

17 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the city of
18 New Orleans may establish a municipal revenue amnesty program. The program
19 may provide for the waiver of all or a uniform percentage of interest, collection
20 costs, and penalties owed to the city of New Orleans on delinquent municipal fines,
21 fees, and assessments.

22 B.(1) The program shall be established upon the initiative of the mayor of
23 the city of New Orleans and shall be administered by the director of finance for the
24 city. The director of finance shall adopt rules and regulations for the operation and

1 administration of the program. The rules and regulations shall provide for the types
2 of fees, fines, and assessments covered by the program and the persons eligible to
3 participate in such program. The rules and regulations shall also provide for the time
4 period during which the program shall be conducted. The program shall not extend
5 for more than sixty calendar days.

6 (2) The rules and regulations adopted by the director of finance may
7 authorize the city of New Orleans to issue requests for proposals in order to procure
8 a third-party contractor to manage the program. The amount of fees paid to any such
9 third-party contractor shall not exceed fifteen percent of the total amount of interest,
10 collection costs, and penalties collected by the city at the conclusion of the program.

11 C. At the conclusion of the program, the director of finance shall submit a
12 report to the mayor relative to the amnesty provided to persons who participated in
13 the program. The report shall be submitted no later than March first of the year in
14 which the program is implemented and shall include but not be limited to the
15 following:

16 (1) The number of persons provided with amnesty.

17 (2) The types of fees, fines, and assessments for which interest, collection
18 costs, and penalties were owed and, for each type of fine, fee, or assessment, the
19 amount of interest, collection costs, and penalties forgone by virtue of the program.

20 (3) The total outstanding liability of participating persons at the conclusion
21 of the program.

22 D. No person shall be eligible to participate in the program while such
23 person is the subject of a state or federal criminal prosecution for the failure to pay
24 delinquent fees, fines, or assessments owed to the city or the interest, collection
25 costs, or penalties owed on such fines, fees, or assessments.

26 E.(1) The city of New Orleans, through the mayor, may cooperate once
27 every eight calendar years with the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board and
28 other political subdivisions in the city to provide for the participation of the board
29 and any such political subdivision in the municipal revenue amnesty program
30 established pursuant to this Section. The cooperation authorized in this Paragraph

1 shall be for the purpose of allowing the board and any such political subdivision to
 2 provide for the waiver of all or a uniform percentage of interest, collection costs, and
 3 penalties owed to the board and such political subdivisions on delinquent fines, fees,
 4 and assessments.

5 (2) The director of finance of the city of New Orleans shall adopt all rules
 6 and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Subsection.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____