
DIGEST

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HB No. 644

Abstract: Provides for the addition of certain ordinance and property violation judgments to the ad valorem tax rolls of Jefferson Parish or the municipalities therein.

Proposed law authorizes Jefferson Parish and the municipalities therein to add to an owner's ad valorem tax bill contempt fines, other fines, and court costs for failure to comply with a final order or judgment directing him to repair or demolish a derelict building.

Proposed law further authorizes the addition to an owner's ad valorem tax bill of contempt fines, other fines, and court costs upon failure to remedy a zoning, property maintenance, or other ordinance violation after being so ordered by a judgment or administrative adjudication hearing.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authorities of Jefferson Parish and the municipalities therein to adopt ordinances to govern the placement of such contempt fines and costs on the owner's tax bill.

Proposed law provides that the fines and costs added to the tax bill shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes on the property in question.

Proposed law provides that the fines and costs added to the tax bill shall be enforced with the same authority and be subject to the same penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

Proposed law provides that the sheriff or appropriate tax collecting entity will be entitled to a collection fee equal to 15% of the amount of the collected fines and costs. The collection fee shall be in addition to the other fines and costs on the tax bill.

Proposed law provides that the parish shall be the sole and proper defendant in actions to contest the addition of such charges to the ad valorem tax bill. Proposed law further provides that the municipality shall be the sole and proper defendant in any action to contest the addition of such contempt fines and court costs to the ad valorem tax bills of the municipality.

Proposed law provides that in Jefferson Parish and the municipalities therein, all final orders and judgments shall remain enforceable and executory, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, specifically, the state law relative to nullity of unfiled claims once the property in question has been seized by the sheriff.

(Adds R.S. 33:1236(49)(f))