

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 268 by Senator Donahue

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "1512," and before "relative" insert "and to enact R.S. 47:337.13.1,"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, delete lines 7 in its entirety and insert the following:

5 "Section 1. R.S. 47:337.64 is hereby amended and reenacted, and R.S. 47:337.13.1
6 is hereby enacted to read as:"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

9 **"§337.13.1 Power to employ counsel; attorney fees**

10 **The local collector is authorized to employ private counsel to assist in the**
11 **collection of any taxes, penalties or interest due under this Subtitle, or to**
12 **represent him in any proceeding under this Subtitle. If any taxes, penalties or**
13 **interest due under this Subtitle are referred to an attorney at law for collection,**
14 **an additional charge for attorney fees, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the**
15 **taxes, penalties and interest due, except with respect to amounts timely paid**
16 **under protest with a return that is not delinquent, or paid under protest to a**
17 **vendor in accordance with law, shall be paid by the taxpayer; provided,**
18 **however, that the amount paid to the attorney shall be subject to the discretion**
19 **of the court as to reasonableness.**

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21 AMENDMENT NO. 4

22 On page 3, between lines 14 and 15, insert:

23 "Section 2. R.S. 47:1512 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 5

25 On page 3, line 22, after ""**interest**" delete the remainder of the line and insert "**at issue.**"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 6

27 On page 3, between lines 27 and 28, insert the following:

28 "Section 3. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall be applicable and
29 effective with respect to matters referred to private counsel on or after the effective
30 date of this Act."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 7

32 On page 3, at the beginning of line 28, delete "Section 2." and insert "Section 4."