DIGEST

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HB 297 Reengrossed	2023 Regular Session	DeVillier
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Abstract: Provides for a one year period within which violations of intentional and simple littering laws must be cited.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the offense of intentional littering and establishes criminal penalties that may be imposed upon conviction of the offense.

<u>Present law</u> further provides for the offense of simple littering and establishes civil penalties which may be imposed upon a person being found liable for the offense.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a person committing either offense must be cited by means of a citation, summons, or other lawful method.

<u>Proposed law</u> further provides that the <u>present law</u> offenses of intentional and simple littering must be cited within one year of when law enforcement knew or reasonably should have known of the violation.

(Amends R.S. 30:2531(E); Adds R.S. 30:2531(A)(4) and (B)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Reduce the time within which intentional and simple littering violations must be cited <u>from</u> two years to one year.
- 2. Change the time at which tolling starts for violations of intentional and simple littering <u>from</u> the date of the commission of the act to the date that law enforcement knew or reasonably should have known of the act.
- 3. Make technical changes.