

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 360

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ADMINISTRATION: Provides relative to electronic payment processing services utilized by state entities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 49:316.1(C), relative to the payment of state charges by forms
3 of electronic payments; to provide relative to the designation of certain electronic
4 payments that state entities may accept; to provide relative to the authority of the
5 state treasurer; to provide relative to reporting by the state treasurer; to provide an
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 49:316.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §316.1. Payments by treasury approved credit cards, debit cards, and other forms of
10 electronic payments; authorizations; contracts; fees

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12 C. The treasurer shall designate any credit cards, debit cards, or other forms
13 of electronic payments that state entities may accept to receive payment of any state
14 charges, and shall from time to time, but at least ~~annually~~ biannually, publish a list
15 of approved credit and debit cards by card organization brand by which any state
16 entity will be authorized to accept payment of any charge or payment the state entity
17 is authorized to collect. Any state entity may recommend that the treasurer consider
18 a specific credit or debit card by card organization brand for approval. Except as
19 provided in Subparagraph (A)(2)(b) of this Section, he shall have authority to
20 negotiate and enter into all contracts, for periods not to exceed five years, with

1 providers of such cards or other forms of electronic payments, including merchant
2 service acquirers, third-party solutions, or providers for Internet and other similar use
3 and payment acceptance using such cards or other forms of electronic payments. In
4 negotiating such contracts and approving designated cards and other forms of
5 electronic payments, the treasurer shall seek to achieve uniform implementation and
6 standard terms and provisions with respect to the acceptance of payments by state
7 entities, in order to achieve maximum efficiency, uniformity, and cost effectiveness.

8 Any contracts pursuant to this Section may include such provisions, terms, and
9 conditions as the treasurer shall deem necessary or appropriate to fulfill those
10 purposes, including specific terms applicable to any particular state entity, such as
11 any limitations on amounts and limits of liabilities eligible for payment, operational
12 requirements, types, terms, and payment of fees.

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14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
18 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the state to accept payment of state charges by a form of electronic payment and requires certain reporting by the state treasurer

Present law authorizes any state entity to accept payment of state charges by credit cards, debit cards, and any other forms of electronic payment approved by the state treasurer. Requires the treasurer to designate any credit cards, debit cards, or other forms of electronic payments that state entities may accept to receive payment of state charges. Also requires the treasurer to at least annually publish a list of approved credit cards and debit cards by which a state entity will be authorized to accept payment of state charges.

Proposed law changes the reporting requirement of the list of approved credit cards and debit cards from at least annually to at least biannually. Proposed law retains all other provisions of present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends 49:316.1(C))