

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 32

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

MUNICIPAL/ORDINANCES: Provides relative to maximum penalties for violations of ordinances in St. Bernard Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:1243(A)(3), relative to the parish of St. Bernard; to provide for parish
3 ordinances; to provide for the violation of certain ordinances; to provide for the
4 penalties for any such violation; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:1243(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1243. Maximum Penalties

11 A.

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13 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the parish
14 of St. Bernard, the maximum penalty which may be imposed for a violation of any
15 provision of Chapters 5, 12, 19, and 22, and Chapter 11, exclusive of Section 11-
16 20(e), Section 11-20(f), and Article VI, as codified in the code of ordinances for the
17 parish of St. Bernard shall be a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars and
18 imprisonment of three months in the parish jail.

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DIGEST

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HB 32 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Relative to certain parish ordinances in St. Bernard Parish, increases the maximum penalties for the violation of such ordinances.

Present law provides that the penalty that may be imposed for a violation of a parish ordinance is a \$500 fine and imprisonment of 30 days in the parish jail. Provides that the maximum penalty that may be imposed for the violation of certain ordinances in East Baton Rouge Parish is a \$1,000 fine and imprisonment of six months in the parish jail. Further provides that in Jefferson Parish, except for properties zoned or used for industrial activities, the maximum penalty that may be imposed for a violation of a parish ordinance is a \$1,000 fine and imprisonment of six months in the parish jail. Provides further with respect to penalties for the violation of other ordinances, including those that provide for properties zoned or used for industrial activities.

Present law authorizes the imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 a day for each violation of certain waste treatment ordinances. Additionally authorizes the imposition of up to 100 hours of community service, in addition to, or in lieu of, penalties authorized by present law for a violation of a parish ordinance.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides an exception for St. Bernard Parish. Provides that the maximum penalty that may be imposed for the violation of certain specified parish ordinances is a \$1,500 fine and imprisonment of three months in the parish jail.

(Adds R.S. 33:1243(A)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Reduce the maximum time of imprisonment for an ordinance violation in proposed law from six months to three months.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Limit the applicability of proposed law to certain parish ordinance violations.