

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 173 (HB 276)

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Existing law authorizes the city of New Orleans and the parishes of East Baton Rouge and Jefferson to create local ethics entities, including without limitation an ethics review board or office of inspector general and to adopt and enforce local codes of conduct or ethics ordinances.

Existing law allows these local governmental subdivisions to designate a local ethics entity as a law enforcement agency and further allows the local governmental subdivision to confer upon a local ethics entity all investigative powers and privileges belonging to a law enforcement agency under state law.

Existing law provides that a local ethics entity may investigate all entities receiving funds through or for the benefit of the local governmental subdivision.

Existing law provides for the confidentiality of records and proceedings during preliminary investigations.

New law additionally provides that existing law applies to the parish of St. Tammany.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 33:9611(A)(1))