

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 68

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHLEGEL

CRIME: Provides relative to conduct that constitutes disturbing the peace

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:103(A)(9) and (B)(3), relative to offenses affecting the general peace and
3 order; to provide for conduct that constitutes disturbing the peace; to provide for
4 penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:103(A)(9) and (B)(3) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §103. Disturbing the peace

8 A. Disturbing the peace is the doing of any of the following in such manner
9 as would foreseeably disturb or alarm the public:

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11 (9) Interruption of any worship service or religious ceremony at a church or
12 other place of worship.

13 B.

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15 (3) Whoever commits the crime of disturbing the peace as provided in
16 Paragraph (A)(9) of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or
17 imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Fifteen days of the sentence
18 imposed shall be served without benefit of probation or suspension of sentence.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds interruption of any worship service or religious ceremony at a church or other place of worship as conduct that constitutes disturbing the peace.

Present law provides for the crime of disturbing the peace and provides for elements and penalties for this offense.

Proposed law generally retains present law and adds the interruption of any worship service or religious ceremony at a church or other place of worship as conduct that constitutes disturbing the peace.

Proposed law provides that whoever commits the crime of disturbing the peace as provided in proposed law shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Further provides that 15 days of the sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of probation or suspension of sentence.

(Adds R.S. 14:103(A)(9) and (B)(3))