

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 292

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

HOUSING: Provides relative to the return of security deposits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:3251(A), relative to advances or deposits for a residential or  
3 dwelling premises; to permit the extension of a return of advance or deposits to a  
4 tenant or lessee; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 9:3251(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3251. Lessee's deposit to secure lease; retention by lessor; conveyance of leased  
8 premises; itemized statement by lessor

9 A. Any advance or deposit of money furnished by a tenant or lessee to a  
10 landlord or lessor to secure the performance of any part of a written or oral lease or  
11 rental agreement shall be returned to the tenant or lessee of residential or dwelling  
12 premises within one month after the lease shall terminate, or on the date agreed by  
13 the landlord or lessor and tenant or lessee in writing not to exceed two months after  
14 the lease terminates, whichever is later. ~~except that~~ However, the landlord or lessor  
15 may retain all or any portion of the advance or deposit which is reasonably necessary  
16 to remedy a default of the tenant or to remedy unreasonable wear to the premises.  
17 If any portion of an advance or deposit is retained by a landlord or lessor, he shall  
18 forward to the tenant or lessee, within one month after the date the tenancy  
19 terminates, or on the date agreed by the landlord or lessor and tenant or lessee in  
20 writing not to exceed two months after the tenancy terminates, whichever is later,

