DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for a minimum sentence of 30 days for failure to register as a sex offender and provides that such penalties shall apply to an offender who fails to register after being displaced from his residence in certain circumstances.

Present law contains sex offender registration and notification requirements that apply to persons convicted of certain sex offenses. Requires these offenders to send written notice of a change of address within 10 days of relocating to the sheriff and chief of police or to the police department in the case of a parish with a population in excess of 450,000.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the change of address requirement shall apply to offenders who are temporarily displaced due to an evacuation order or declaration of emergency issued by the governor or local governing authority.

Present law provides for the following penalties for failure to register as a sex offender:

(1)   For the first conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than $1,000, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor more than five years, or both.

(2)   For the second or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be fined not less than $1,000 nor more than $2,500 or imprisoned with or without hard labor for three to 10 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law changes the penalties for a first conviction to include imprisonment with or without hard labor for a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of five years. Provides that at least 30 days shall be imposed without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. Provides that a fine may be imposed of not less than $500 nor more than $1,000.

Proposed law retains present law with respect to a second or subsequent conviction.

(Amends R.S. 15:542(C)(2)(a) and (b) and (F)(1))