

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 528****2015 Regular Session****Leger**

MUNICIPALITIES/NO: Authorizes the city of New Orleans to create a municipal revenue amnesty program

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Limits the implementation of the program to once every eight calendar years.
2. Limits the applicability of the program to the waiver of interest, collection costs, and penalties owed on delinquent fines, fees, and assessments.
3. Provides that the program cannot extend for a period of more than 60 calendar days.
4. Removes provisions requiring the finance director to submit an annual report to the mayor and instead requires the finance director to submit a report to the mayor at the conclusion of the program.
5. Specifies that both state and federal ongoing criminal prosecutions for failure to pay delinquent fees, fines, or assessments render a person ineligible to participate in the program.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law authorizes the city of New Orleans, upon the initiative of the mayor, to establish a municipal revenue amnesty program which may be utilized once every eight calendar years. Provides that the program may provide for the waiver of all or a uniform percentage of interest, collection costs, and penalties owed on delinquent fines, fees, and assessments owed to the city.

Proposed law requires the director of finance for the city to administer the program and to adopt rules and regulations for the operation and administration of the program. Provides that the program cannot extend for more than 60 calendar days. Requires the director, at the conclusion of the program, to submit a report to the mayor, not later than March 1st of the year the program is implemented, relative to the amnesty provided to persons who participated in the program. Provides relative to the content of the report.

Proposed law prohibits persons who are under state or federal criminal prosecution for the failure to pay delinquent fines, fees, or assessments owed to the city, or the interest, collection costs, or penalties owed, from participating in the program.

Proposed law authorizes the city of New Orleans, through the mayor, to cooperate with the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board and other political subdivisions in the city to allow the board and other political subdivisions to provide for the waiver of interest, collection costs, and penalties on delinquent fines, fees, and assessments owed to them.

(Adds R.S. 33:3101)