

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 408 (HB 528)**

**2015 Regular Session**

**Leger**

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

New law requires the director of finance for the city to administer the program and to adopt rules and regulations for its operation and administration. Provides that the rules and regulations may authorize the city to contract with a third party to manage the program. Limits the amount of fees paid to the contractor to not more than 15% of the amount collected by the city. Provides that the program cannot extend for more than 60 calendar days.

New law 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. Provides relative to the content of the report.

New 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.

New law authorizes the city of New Orleans, through the mayor, to cooperate once every eight calendar years 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 all or a uniform percentage of interest, collection costs, and penalties on delinquent fines, fees, and assessments owed to them.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Adds R.S. 33:3101)