



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 262** HLS 25RS 507

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 10, 2025	7:43 PM	<b>Author:</b> PHELPS
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Corrections and Sheriffs		
<b>Subject:</b> Removal of Unauthorized Persons from Immovable Property		<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet

TRESPASS

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Provides relative to the removal of unauthorized persons from immovable property

Proposed law provides for the definition of adverse possessor; provides that a peace officer may, without a warrant, arrest an adverse possessor when the peace officer has reasonable suspicion to believe that the adverse possessor has violated any provision of Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; provides that a complaint made to a peace officer by a neighbor, witness, or other interested party shall constitute reasonable suspicion for the officer making the arrest; provides that reasonable suspicion shall be presumed based upon preliminary evidence that an adverse possessor has engaged in criminal activity based on specific objective and articulable facts and reasonable inferences drawn from those facts in light of experience, and that facts and inferences may be based upon but not limited to signs of forcible entry, conditions of the property, or observations of neighbors; changes the term squatter to adverse possessor in crime of criminal trespass.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Annual Total	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides a directive to peace officers on when arrests of adverse possessors may be made via reasonable suspicion, but it does not impose any new mandates impacting expenditures on peace officers. The proposed law does not impose any new criminal penalties or circumstances under which any potential offenders could be prosecuted and convicted, nor it does add a class of victims or offenders to which current law would apply.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

- ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}
- ☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- ☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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