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Richardson HB No. 324

Abstract: Provides for administrative adjudication of certain ordinance violations in the city of Central.

Present law (R.S. 13:2575) authorizes municipalities and parishes to prescribe civil fines for violations of certain types of ordinances, including housing ordinances. Present law defines the term "housing violation" as only those conditions in privately owned structures which are determined to constitute a threat or danger to the public health, safety, or welfare or to the environment or a historic district. Present law further provides that in municipalities with a population of 70,000 or more, the term shall also encompass building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that in the city of Central the term "housing violation" shall also encompass building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances.

Present law authorizes municipalities and parishes to adopt ordinances establishing an administrative adjudication procedure for holding hearings related to present law violations. Additionally authorizes the parishes of Jefferson, Livingston, and St. Tammany to use administrative adjudication procedures in matters involving licensing, permits, and other ordinance violations that may be determined by the respective parish governing authority.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that in the city of Central administrative adjudication procedures may be utilized in matters involving licensing, permits, and other ordinance violations that may be determined by the municipal governing authority.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 13:2575.4)