Richardson (HB 324) **Act No. 271**

Existing law (R.S. 13:2575) authorizes municipalities and parishes to prescribe civil fines for violations of certain types of ordinances, including housing ordinances. 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. Further provides that in municipalities with a population of 70,000 or more, the term also encompasses building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances.

New law provides that in the city of Central, the term "housing violation" also encompasses building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance ordinances.

Existing law authorizes municipalities and parishes to adopt ordinances establishing an administrative adjudication procedure for holding hearings related to 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.

New law 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 (June 28, 2011).

(Adds R.S. 13:2575.4)