

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 616

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

CRIME/FELONIES: Creates the crime of filing a false lien against a court or law enforcement officer

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:133.6, relative to offenses affecting organized government; to create the  
3 crime of filing a false lien against a law enforcement or court officer; to provide for  
4 criminal penalties; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:133.6 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §133.6. Filing a false lien against a law enforcement or court officer

8 A. The crime of filing a false lien or encumbrance against a law enforcement  
9 officer or court officer is committed when a person knowingly files, attempts to file,  
10 or conspires to file, in any public records or in any private record which is generally  
11 available to the public, any false lien or encumbrance against the real or personal  
12 property of a law enforcement officer or court officer, as retaliation against the  
13 officer for the performance of his official duties, knowing or having reason to know  
14 that such lien or encumbrance is false or contains any materially false, fictitious, or  
15 fraudulent statement or representation.

16 B. For purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

17 (1) "Court officer" means any active or retired justice of the peace, any  
18 active or retired judge of a city, parish, state, or federal court located in this state, any  
19 district attorney, assistant district attorney, or investigator within the office of a  
20 district attorney, any city prosecutor, assistant city prosecutor, or investigator within

1 the office of a city prosecutor, and the attorney general and any assistant attorney  
2 general or investigator within the office of the attorney general.

3 (2) "Law enforcement officer" shall mean any active or retired city, parish,  
4 or state law enforcement officer, peace officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, probation or  
5 parole officer, marshal, deputy, wildlife enforcement agent, state correctional officer,  
6 a commissioned agent of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and any  
7 federal law enforcement officer or employee whose permanent duties include making  
8 arrests, performing search and seizures, execution of criminal arrest warrants,  
9 execution of civil seizure warrants, any civil functions performed by sheriffs or  
10 deputy sheriffs, enforcement of penal or traffic laws, or the care, custody, control,  
11 or supervision of inmates.

12 C. Whoever commits the crime of filing a false lien against a law  
13 enforcement or court officer shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor  
14 more than the amount of the value of the false lien or encumbrance, imprisoned, with  
15 or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or both.

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
20 effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the crime of filing a false lien against a law enforcement or court officer.

Proposed law creates the crime of filing a false lien against a law enforcement or court officer which occurs when a person files in any public records, or in any private record which is generally available to the public, any false lien or encumbrance against the real or personal property of a law enforcement officer or court officer, as retaliation against the officer for the performance of his official duties, knowing or having reason to know that such lien or encumbrance is false or contains any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation.

Proposed law defines "court officer" and "law enforcement officer".

Proposed law provides for the following penalties for this crime:

- (1) A fine of not less than \$500 nor more than the amount of the value of the lien or encumbrance.
- (2) Imprisonment for not more than two years.
- (3) Both fine and imprisonment.

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

(Adds R.S. 14:133.6)