

New 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.

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

New 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.

New law authorizes the court to order the offender to pay restitution to the law enforcement officer or court officer for any costs incurred as a result of the false lien or encumbrance.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 31, 2012).

(Adds R.S. 14:133.6)