

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 546

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

CRIME: Creates the crime of homestead exemption fraud

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:71.4, relative to misappropriation without violence; to create the crime of
3 homestead exemption fraud; to provide for elements of the crime; to provide
4 criminal penalties; to provide definitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:71.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §71.4. Homestead exemption fraud

8 A. It is unlawful for any person to intentionally claim more than one
9 homestead exemption as provided for in R.S. 20:1.

10 B. Any person who intentionally claims more than one homestead exemption
11 shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than ten years, or may
12 be fined not more than one hundred thousand dollars, or both.

13 C. For the purposes of this Section, "person" means a natural or juridical
14 person, including but not limited to a sole proprietorship, corporation, company,
15 limited liability company, partnership, limited liability partnership, trust,
16 incorporated or unincorporated association, or any other individual or entity.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the crime of homestead exemption fraud.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for someone to intentionally claim more than one homestead exemption.

Proposed law provides criminal penalties which require imprisonment for up to 10 years or a fine not to exceed \$100,000, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:71.4)