

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 697

BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNICK

SEX OFFENSE/REGISTRY: Provides relative to the in-person periodic renewals of persons who are required to register but do not have a fixed residence address

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 15:542.1.1(A)(4), relative to sex offender registration and notification
3 requirements; to provide relative to the in-person periodic renewals of registration
4 by persons who are required to register as a sex offender or child predator; to provide
5 for the frequency of in-person periodic renewals of persons who are homeless or
6 without a fixed residence; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 15:542.1.1(A)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §542.1.1. In-person periodic renewal of registration by offenders

11 A.

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13 (4)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, any person
14 required to register as a sex offender or child predator pursuant to the provisions of
15 this Chapter who does not have a fixed place of residence, or who is homeless, shall
16 renew and update his registration with the sheriff of the parish in which he is
17 homeless, or is living without a fixed residence, in person every fourteen days from
18 the date on which the offender initially appeared to register with the sheriff of that
19 parish pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter. If the offender regularly resides
20 homeless, or without a fixed place of residence, in more than one parish, he shall

1 register with the sheriff of each parish in which he regularly resides and shall renew
 2 and update his registration every fourteen days with each sheriff of those parishes.
 3 Before an offender plans to no longer reside without a fixed residence in a particular
 4 parish, he shall give notice, in person, to the sheriff of the parish in which he intends
 5 to no longer reside. Failure to update or to give notice of change of residence
 6 pursuant to the provisions of this Paragraph shall be a violation of R.S. 15:542.1.4.

7 (b) For purposes of this Section, the "parish of residence" for such offenders
 8 shall be the parish in which the offender is living homeless or without a fixed
 9 residence address.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 697

Abstract: Provides relative to the in-person periodic renewals of persons who are required to register and who are homeless or do not have a fixed residence address.

Present law provides that any person who is required to register as a sex offender or child predator shall periodically renew their registration as follows:

- (1) Any person convicted of an "aggravated offense" as defined by present law or any person with a prior conviction or adjudication for an offense which requires registration pursuant to present law and who is subsequently convicted of or adjudicated for an offense which requires registration, shall renew and update his registration in person every three months from the date of initial registration.
- (2) Any person convicted of a "sexual offense against a victim who is a minor" as defined by present law shall renew and update his registration in person every six months from the date of initial registration.
- (3) Any other person required to register pursuant to present law shall update his registration in person annually from the date of initial registration.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that if the person is homeless, or is without a fixed residence, he shall appear in person to renew and update his registration with the sheriff of the parish in which he is homeless, or is living without a fixed residence, every 14 days from the date on which he initially appeared to register with the sheriff of that parish.

Proposed law further provides that if the offender regularly resides homeless, or without a fixed place of residence, in more than one parish, he shall register with the sheriff of each parish in which he regularly resides and shall renew and update his registration every 14 days with each sheriff of those parishes.

Before an offender plans to no longer reside without a fixed residence in a particular parish, proposed law requires him to give notice, in person, to the sheriff of the parish in which he intends to no longer reside.

Proposed law provides that the failure to comply with proposed law shall be a violation of, and shall be subject to the penalties provided in, the present law provision regarding the failure to register and notify as a sex offender or child predator.

Proposed law provides that for purposes of present law provisions regarding in-person periodic renewals, the "parish of residence" for such offenders shall be the parish in which the offender is living homeless or without a fixed residence address.

(Adds R.S. 15:542.1.1(A)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Changed the frequency of in-person periodic renewals in proposed law from every 10 days to every 14 days.