

**ACT No. 545**

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLORIOSO

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:2575.2.1, relative to the city of Slidell; to provide relative to administrative  
3 adjudication of certain ordinance violations and judicial review of administrative  
4 hearings; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 13:2575.2.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §2575.2.1. City of Slidell; additional administrative adjudication procedures;  
11 judicial review procedures

12 A.(1) In the city of Slidell, the term "housing violation" as used in this  
13 Section also encompasses building codes, zoning, vegetation, and nuisance  
14 ordinances.

15 (2) In the city of Slidell, the procedures for administrative adjudication  
16 provided in this Section may also be utilized in matters involving licensing and  
17 permits and any other ordinance violations that may be determined by the municipal  
18 governing authority.

1           B.(1) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the hearing officer of the city  
2           of Slidell may present a petition to the district court of the parish along with payment  
3           of reasonable costs as required by the clerk. Such petition shall be duly verified, set  
4           forth that the decision is illegal, in whole or in part, and specify the grounds of the  
5           illegality. The petition shall be presented to the court within thirty days after the  
6           filing of the decision of the hearing officer.

7           (2) Upon the presentation of the petition, the court may allow a writ of  
8           certiorari directed to the hearing officer to review the decision of the hearing officer,  
9           and there shall be prescribed therein the period of time within which a return may be  
10          made and served upon the relator's attorney. Such period shall be not less than ten  
11          days but may be extended by the court. The allowance of the writ shall not stay the  
12          proceedings upon the decision or any enforcement thereof unless the person who  
13          files the appeal for writ of certiorari furnishes security, prior to filing notice of  
14          appeal, with the agency of the city designated by ordinance to accept such payments  
15          in the amount fixed by the hearing officer sufficient to assure satisfaction of the  
16          finding of the hearing officer relative to the fine, fee, penalty, costs of the hearing,  
17          and costs, if any, of correcting the violation.

18          (3) The hearing officer of the city of Slidell shall not be required to return  
19          the original papers acted upon by the hearing officer but may return certified or  
20          sworn copies thereof or such portions thereof as called for by the writ. The return  
21          shall concisely set forth such other facts as may be pertinent and material to show the  
22          grounds of the decision appealed from and shall be verified.

23          (4) If, upon the hearing, it appears to the court that testimony is necessary  
24          for the proper disposition of the matter, the court may take additional evidence or  
25          appoint a referee to take such evidence. The referee shall report to the court with his  
26          findings of fact and conclusions of law, and his report constitutes a part of the  
27          proceedings upon which the determination of the court shall be made.

28          (5) The court may reverse or affirm, wholly or in part, or may modify the  
29          decision brought up for review. All issues in any proceedings under this Section  
30          shall have preference over all other civil actions and proceedings. The appellant and

1           the city of Slidell shall be parties in such civil action and proceeding; the hearing  
2           officer of the city of Slidell shall not be a party to such civil action and proceeding.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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