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HOUSE BILL NO. 1286

BY REPRESENTATIVE PERKINS

PRINTING: Prohibits any branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other entity of state government or any political subdivision thereof from knowingly printing or distributing material that contains information that is false or fraudulent

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 43:31.2, relative to the certain printing and distribution
3 prohibitions; to provide that no branch, department, agency, official,
4 employee, or other entity of state government or any political
5 subdivision thereof from knowingly printing or distributing material
6 that contains information that has been proven to be false or fraudulent;
7 to provide for liability for and recovery of the costs in the case of a
8 violation; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 43:31.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §31.2. Printing and distribution of false or fraudulent material

12 A. No branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other
13 entity of state government or any political subdivision shall knowingly
14 print or cause to be printed or distribute or cause to be distributed any
15 material that contains, or presents as factual, information which has
16 been proven to be false or fraudulent.

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1 B. Any administrative head of any branch, department, agency,
2 or political subdivision who violates any provision of this Section and
3 any employee who, without the authorization of his administrative
4 superior, violates any provision of this Section shall be personally
5 liable for the cost of any printing or distribution in violation of this
6 Section. Any funds of, administered by, or under the control of any
7 branch, department, agency, official, employee, or political subdivision
8 expended on any printing or distribution in violation of this Section
9 may be recovered by the state or political subdivision in a civil action
10 instituted by any taxpayer, the attorney general, or the district attorney
11 of the parish in which the violation occurred.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits any branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other entity of state government or political subdivision from knowingly printing or distributing material that contains information that is false or fraudulent and provides for recovery of costs upon a violation.

Proposed law prohibits any branch, department, agency, official, employee, or other entity of state government or political subdivision from knowingly printing or distributing material that contains information that has been proven false or fraudulent. Provides that any administrative head or employee, acting without the authorization of his agency head shall be personally liable for the costs of the printing or distribution of any material which is prohibited. Any public funds expended for such printing or distribution may be recovered by state or political subdivision in a civil action instituted by any taxpayer, the attorney general, or the district attorney of the parish in which the violation occurred.

(Adds R.S. 43:31.2)