

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO INCREASE THE PENALTY
FOR LATE PAYMENT OF DUES**

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the Louisiana State Bar Association provide that the annual dues are payable on or before July 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws further provide that those in default for 30 days are given written Notice of Delinquency by the Treasurer;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws further provide that those individuals who fail to pay within 30 days of such Notice of Delinquency (August 31) shall be certified ineligible to practice law;

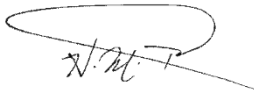
WHEREAS, the Bylaws further provide that once an individual has been certified ineligible to practice law, he/she shall be reinstated upon the payment of all dues owed, together with a penalty of \$50;

WHEREAS, the \$50 penalty has been in place since 1992;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Louisiana effective 2025/2026 increased the penalty for late payment of its disciplinary assessment from \$25 to \$50, and increased its reinstatement fee from \$25 to \$100, for a total of \$150;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bar Governance Committee proposes to the House of Delegates that the By-Laws be amended as indicated in the attached Exhibit A to increase the penalty for late payment of dues from \$50 to \$100.

Respectfully submitted:
2025-2026 Bar Governance Committee



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EXHIBIT A

BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I. REGISTRATION AND DUES

Section 4. Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues

A member in default of payment of dues for thirty (30) days shall be regarded as delinquent and shall be given written notice thereof by the Treasurer. If the delinquent member fails to pay such dues within thirty (30) days after such notice of delinquency, he/she shall cease to be a member in good standing and the Treasurer shall certify to the Supreme Court that the delinquent member is thus ineligible to practice law.

Where a member has thus become ineligible, the member shall be reinstated upon payment of the dues owed at the time he/she ceased to be a member in good standing, together with a penalty of ~~Fifty~~One Hundred Dollars (~~\$50.00~~100.00), and all dues payable and owed for each year of such ineligibility and the dues payable for the current year in which reinstatement takes place. Notice of the removal of the member's ineligibility shall be given to the Supreme Court.