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### **Treasury Partners with Revenue Department to Pay \$15 Million in Unclaimed Property Claims**

BATON ROUGE, LA - The Louisiana Department of the Treasury will begin mailing out 85,000 unclaimed property checks this month to citizens who are owed up to \$1,500 each, according to State Treasurer John M. Schroder, Sr.

"All you have to do to collect this money is open up your mailbox," said Treasurer Schroder. "You don't have to file a claim form or submit any paperwork. We've done all of the work for you."

Businesses from all over the country are required by law to report unclaimed property to the Treasury each year and provide the last known address of the owner. Sometimes, the address the company has on record is no longer correct. One of the main reasons an item becomes unclaimed property is because of an incorrect or old address.

Act 339 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature by [Rep. Neil Abramson](#) permitted the Louisiana Department of Revenue to share its database of current and correct addresses with the Treasury for the sole purpose of returning unclaimed property. As a result, the Treasury was able to update the addresses it had on file and clear out a backlog of unclaimed property that was still on the books.

"As legislators, our job is to help improve the quality of life for our constituents," said Rep. Abramson. "There is no better way of doing so than returning their own hard-earned money to them. Act 339 will do just that."

After cross-referencing the Louisiana Department of the Treasury's database with the Department of Revenue's updated addresses, 85,000 individuals who were owed \$15 million were successfully matched. Recipients on this list whose claim did not exceed \$1,500 can expect an official check from the Treasury sometime during the months of November and December. Citizens who are owed larger dollar amounts will be contacted to start the claims process in the near future.

"This highlights the importance of keeping your contact information current with the Department of Revenue," said Secretary of Revenue Kimberly Lewis Robinson. "The good news is, it's easy to do. Just visit [www.revenue.louisiana.gov/AddressChange](http://www.revenue.louisiana.gov/AddressChange)."

Unclaimed property refunds received in the mail will range anywhere from \$10 to \$1,500. Each check includes the state seal and the Unclaimed Property Division's address and website on the top of the check. The check stub also contains a memo describing the Act 339 initiative.

The project covers five years of unclaimed property records from 2013-2017 and includes items where there were Social Security Numbers attached to names. Not all unclaimed property records have Social Security Numbers. Without one, Treasury cannot confirm the owner's current address for this project.

"If you don't receive a check, you may still be owed unclaimed money," said Treasurer Schroder. "We encourage you to visit [www.latreasury.com](http://www.latreasury.com) to conduct a search."

For more information, contact the Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division toll-free at 1-888-925-4127 (Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Citizens can also search for their unclaimed money and file claims online at [www.latreasury.com](http://www.latreasury.com). A break-out by parish listing the amount of unclaimed money being returned is listed below:

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Number of items</b>	<b>Estimated Amount</b>
ACADIA	889	\$77,138
ALLEN	317	\$28,852
ASCENSION	2,569	\$219,594
ASSUMPTION	297	\$32,113
AVOUELLES	498	\$42,528
BEAUREGARD	511	\$48,401
BIENVILLE	244	\$22,361
BOSSIER	2,014	\$195,931
CADDO	5,405	\$515,778
CALCASIEU	4,617	\$415,182
CALDWELL	137	\$14,570
CAMERON	63	\$3,987
CATAHOULA	120	\$9,176
CLAIBORNE	175	\$18,116
CONCORDIA	249	\$19,453
DE SOTO	430	\$41,144
EAST BATON ROUGE	11,882	\$986,084
EAST CARROLL	92	\$10,215
EAST FELICIANA	315	\$28,203
EVANGELINE	434	\$46,866
FRANKLIN	271	\$21,828
GRANT	292	\$25,040
IBERIA	1,306	\$108,608
IBERVILLE	569	\$54,819
JACKSON	222	\$18,159
JEFFERSON	10,694	\$998,478
JEFFERSON DAVIS	522	\$47,332
LA SALLE	181	\$15,523
LAFAYETTE	4,727	\$471,727
LAFOURCHE	1,410	\$121,097
LINCOLN	776	\$63,977
LIVINGSTON	2,323	\$227,277
MADISON	106	\$9,133
MOREHOUSE	406	\$30,533
NATCHITOCHE	521	\$44,789
ORLEANS	11,421	\$1,125,403
OUACHITA	3,118	\$256,590
PLAQUEMINES	434	\$34,537
POINTE COUPEE	310	\$25,499
RAPIDES	2,337	\$207,901

RED RIVER	114	\$11,505
RICHLAND	316	\$31,268
SABINE	275	\$30,461
SAINT BERNARD	1,105	\$103,294
SAINT CHARLES	959	\$89,224
SAINT HELENA	105	\$9,398
SAINT JAMES	380	\$38,097
SAINT LANDRY	1,398	\$135,869
SAINT MARTIN	784	\$77,743
SAINT MARY	786	\$77,863
SAINT TAMMANY	5,082	\$477,561
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	963	\$98,987
TANGIPAHOA	2,623	\$238,871
TENSAS	68	\$5,744
TERREBONNE	2,216	\$198,998
UNION	311	\$32,352
VERMILION	756	\$65,966
VERNON	521	\$47,658
WASHINGTON	688	\$62,602
WEBSTER	638	\$63,168
WEST BATON ROUGE	528	\$41,645
WEST CARROLL	154	\$15,969
WEST FELICIANA	213	\$19,648
WINN	151	\$13,740
OUT OF STATE	4,802	\$490,624

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