

Code: Section: [Up^](#)[Add To My Favorites](#)**CIVIL CODE - CIV****DIVISION 3. OBLIGATIONS [1427 - 3273.69]** (*Heading of Division 3 amended by Stats. 1988, Ch. 160, Sec. 14.*)**PART 1. OBLIGATIONS IN GENERAL [1427 - 1543]** (*Part 1 enacted 1872.*)**TITLE 1. DEFINITION OF OBLIGATIONS [1427 - [1428.]]** (*Title 1 enacted 1872.*)

[1427.](#) An obligation is a legal duty, by which a person is bound to do or not to do a certain thing.

(Enacted 1872.)

[\[1428.\]](#)

Section Fourteen Hundred and Twenty-eight. An obligation arises either from:

One—The contract of the parties; or,

Two—The operation of law. An obligation arising from operation of law may be enforced in the manner provided by law, or by civil action or proceeding.

(Amended by Code Amendments 1873-74, Ch. 612.)