
DIGEST

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HB 26 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides with respect to powers of the governing authorities of the parishes of St. Charles and St. John the Baptist with respect to grass cutting.

Present law authorizes parish governing authorities to require property owners to cut grass on their property. Authorizes the parishes to have such work done and charge the property owner for the work if the property owner does not cut the grass himself. Requires the parish governing authority to serve a registered or certified letter as notification to property owners each time before cutting or removing obnoxious weeds growing on the property.

Present law authorizes the governing authorities of the parishes of Point Coupee and St. Landry to amend local ordinances to require that only one yearly notice be sent to compel property owners to cut grass on their property. Proposed law adds the governing authorities of St. Charles and St. John the Baptist to parishes so authorized; otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires that prior to authorizing the grass cutting, the governing authorities shall file and record an affidavit, signed by the parish president. Such affidavit shall include the following:

1. A description of the property.
2. A photograph of the property identifying the unsafe conditions.
3. A statement that the property owner liable has within the past 12 months failed to do such work after notification and an opportunity to do so.

Proposed law retains present law and makes it applicable to St. Charles Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish.

(Amends R.S. 33:1236.26(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add St. John the Baptist Parish to list of parishes to which present law is applicable.