

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 450**

**2017 Regular Session**

**Abramson**

DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT: Provides relative to the Upper Audubon Security District in Orleans Parish

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes proposed law increase in the maximum parcel fee from \$500 to \$700 effective on Jan. 1, 2019, rather than effective upon signature of the governor. Authorizes the district to call an election prior to Jan. 1, 2019, for the purpose of submitting the question of the imposition of increased maximum parcel fee to the district's voters.
2. Provides that the parcel fee shall expire no later than seven years from its initial imposition and requires that the fee be renewed at least every seven years. Provides however, that the if the voters authorize an increase in the maximum fee in excess of \$500 prior to Jan. 1, 2026, then the parcel fee shall expire on Dec. 31, 2026.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law creates the Upper Audubon Security District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision to aid in crime prevention and reduction by providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district.

Present law provides that the district shall be managed by a board of commissioners. Requires all members of the board to be residents of the district. Provides that the board shall be composed as follows:

- (1) The president of the Upper Audubon Assoc.
- (2) Three members appointed by the board of directors of the Upper Audubon Assoc.
- (3) One member appointed by the member of the city council whose district encompasses the area from a list of nominations submitted by the Upper Audubon Assoc.
- (4) One member appointed by the state representative whose district encompasses the area from a list of nominations submitted by the Upper Audubon Assoc.
- (5) One member appointed by the state senator whose district encompasses the area from a list of nominations submitted by the Upper Audubon Assoc.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes the president of the Upper Audubon Assoc. to designate someone to serve for him.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to impose a parcel fee on behalf of the district, subject to voter approval. Provides that the fee is a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed \$500 per year for each parcel. Proposed law increases the maximum rate of the parcel fee to \$700 per year beginning Jan. 1, 2019, subject to voter approval. Authorizes the district to call an election prior to Jan. 1, 2019, for the purpose of submitting the question of the imposition of increased maximum parcel fee to the district's voters.

Proposed law provides that the governing board of the district may change the amount of the fee by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized

by proposed law and approved by the voters.

Present law provides that the fee shall expire at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed six years from its initial imposition. Proposed law instead provides for a seven-year limit on the duration of the fee. Provides, however, that if the voters authorize an increase in the maximum fee in excess of \$500 prior to Jan. 1, 2026, then the parcel fee shall expire on Dec. 31, 2026.

Present law authorizes renewal of the fee, subject to voter approval, and requires the election for renewal of the fee to be held only at the same time as the mayoral primary election for the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law but authorizes holding the election for renewal at any regularly scheduled election in New Orleans.

Present law provides that if renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing the renewal, not to exceed eight years. Proposed law instead provides for a seven-year limit on the duration of the renewal.

Effective in part upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.  
Effective in part on January 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 33:9091.12(D)(1)(a) and (F)(2) and (4))