2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 583

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

PARISHES: Provides relative to administrative services provided to certain entities in Ascension Parish

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:1236(35)(c), relative to Ascension Parish; to provide relative to the administrative office of the parish governing authority; to provide relative to services provided by such office to certain entities within the parish; to increase the amount the parish governing authority is authorized to charge for such services; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:1236(35)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1236. Powers of parish governing authorities

The police juries and other parish governing authorities shall have the following powers:

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(c)(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the parish of Ascension, if the administrative office of the parish governing authority renders any service, including but not limited to bookkeeping, administrative, or

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clerical services, to any board, agency, district, subdivision, or any other entity of
local government, excluding municipalities, fire protection districts, parish libraries,
sheriffs, clerks of court, councils on aging, or assessors, the parish governing
authority may assess a charge of not more than five percent of the total revenues of
that entity for such services actually rendered by the office. The amount of any such
charge shall be established by agreement between the governing authority and such
entity and shall not exceed the actual cost, including direct and indirect expenses,
incurred by the administrative office of the governing authority in rendering such
services to that entity.

(ii) If no agreement can be made by the parish governing authority and such
entity upon the amount of the charge to be assessed pursuant to this Subparagraph,
the governing authority may relieve its administrative office from any obligation to
provide any service to that entity.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to administrative services provided by Ascension Parish, increases the
amount authorized to be charged for such services.

Present law generally authorizes parish governing authorities to assess a charge for
administrative services rendered to certain entities of local government within the parish.
Excludes municipalities, sheriffs, clerks of court, and assessors. Provides that the charge
cannot exceed 4% percent of the total revenues of the entity. Requires that the charge be
established by agreement between the parish governing authority and the entity. Provides
that the charge cannot exceed the actual cost, including direct and indirect expenses, incurred
by the administrative office of the governing authority in rendering such services to that
entity. Provides an exception for Grant Parish.

Proposed law retains present law and provides an additional exception for Ascension Parish.
Increases the maximum charge authorized to be assessed for services from 4% to 5% of the
total revenues of the entity. Additionally prohibits the governing authority from assessing
a charge to fire protection districts, councils on aging, and parish libraries.

(Adds R.S. 33:1236(35)(c))