

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD

FUNDS/FUNDING: Provides for the use of monies in the Sabine Parish Tourism Improvement Fund

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.37(B), relative to the Sabine Parish Tourism Improvement Fund; to change the name of the recipient of the monies in the fund to the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission; to provide for an effective date; 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. 47:302.37(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§302.37. Disposition of certain collections in Sabine Parish

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B. The monies in the Sabine Parish Tourism Improvement Fund shall be subject to annual appropriation by the legislature. The monies in the fund shall be available exclusively for use by the Sabine Parish Tourist ~~Commission~~ and Recreation Commission for the purpose of promoting and enhancing tourism activities, and for supporting all other activities consistent with the authorized mission of such commission. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer

1 in the same manner as the monies in the state general fund, and all interest earned  
2 shall be deposited into the state general fund.

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009; if vetoed by the governor  
4 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
5 2009, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Corrects the name of the entity eligible to receive monies in the Sabine Parish Tourism Improvement Fund.

Present law establishes the Sabine Parish Tourism Improvement Fund and dedicates state sales tax collections on hotel occupancy for use by the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the name of the entity eligible to receive monies in the fund from the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission to the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission.

Effective July 1, 2009.

(Amends R.S. 47:302.37(B))