

New law creates the Greenwood Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish with boundaries coterminous with Greenwood Subdivision. New law provides that the purposes of the district are: providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district and funding beautification and improvements for the overall betterment of the district.

New law provides that the district shall be governed by an appointed board of seven commissioners, all of whom shall own property in the district. New law further provides that board members shall serve two-year terms.

New law requires that board members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for approved expenses directly related to the governance of the district.

New law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including the power to enter into contracts, to accept grants and donations, to procure and maintain liability insurance for board members, to expend collected funds, and to perform or have performed any function or activity necessary for achieving the district's purposes.

New law authorizes the East Baton Rouge Parish governing authority, subject to approval by the voters of the district, to impose and collect a parcel fee on all lots within the district. Provides that the amount of the fee shall not exceed \$125 per year and that the owner of each parcel shall be responsible for payment of the fee. Provides that the fee shall expire 10 years after its initial levy and authorizes renewal of such fee in the same manner as its initial imposition.

New law provides for dissolution of the district by a vote of the majority of the registered voters of the district. Further provides that if the district ceases to exist, all funds of the district shall be transmitted to the parish and shall be used exclusively to promote, encourage, and enhance the security, beautification, and overall betterment of the area included in the district.

New law provides that it is the purpose and intent of new law that the additional law enforcement personnel and services provided by the district shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the city of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish.

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(Adds R.S. 33:9097.5)