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DIGEST

Ward (SB 239)

Present law creates and provides for West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection District No. 1.

Present law grants certain authority to the West Baton Rouge Police Jury.

Proposed law grant such authority to the West Baton Rouge Parish Council.

Present law mandates the district to include two or more fire protection subdistricts.

Proposed law permits the district the option of including two or more fire protection subdistricts.

Present law provides for the creation of subdistricts by ordinance and the adoption by ordinance of the method or formula for allocation of the district's revenue to subdistricts.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that the district shall be governed by a board of commissioners of six persons, one each appointed by the governing body of each subdistrict. Provides that each subdistrict representative on the board shall be a resident of the subdistrict and may be a member of the governing body of the subdistrict.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the governing board of the district to prepare a budget, deposit funds in a separate account, allocate funds between subdistricts, submit annual audit reports, and adopt certain procedures for requests for supplemental funding.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the board to incur debt, to contract, to sue and be sued, to accept grants and donations, and under certain circumstances, to levy special taxes or service fees.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for governance of subdistricts by a municipality or the police jury and provides for their powers and duties in such capacity.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides relative to outstanding liabilities, should any area be transferred from one subdistrict to another, whether through annexation or otherwise.

Proposed law mandates the West Baton Rouge Parish Council to enact an ordinance relative to the district on or before July 1, 2014.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1503 (A), (B), (E)(1), and (F); repeals R.S. 40:1503 (G) through (L))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds provision changing present law from requiring subdistricts to allowing such.
2. Adds repeal of present law provisions regarding the governance of the district and subdistricts by boards, a board's authority, powers, and duties, and the process and consequence of moving geographic areas from one subdistrict to another.
3. Adds requirement for local ordinance regarding West Baton Rouge Fire District No. 1.