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DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT EN +$81,000 LF EX See Note
Creates the Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish

Purpose of Bill: This measure creates the Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish for the purpose of crime prevention and added security of district residents by providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district as well as funding beautification and improvements. The district will be governed by a board of eleven commissioners, who will serve without compensation. In addition, the measure authorizes the district to impose and collect a fee for each parcel in the district not to exceed $150 for residential parcels and not to exceed $450 for commercial parcels. However, for persons 70 years of age or older, the fee should not exceed $70. This measure must be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district. In addition, the district may enter into an agreement with the sheriff to authorize the sheriff to retain a collection fee.

EXPENDITURES	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**5 -YEAR TOTAL**
State Gen. Fd.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$40,500	$81,000	$81,000	$81,000	**$283,500**
Annual Total	**$0**	**$40,500**	**$81,000**	**$81,000**	**$81,000**	**$283,500**

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local governmental expenditures may increase by $40,500 in FY 2014-2015, increasing to $81,000 in FY 2015 -2016.

Expenditures may increase as a result of this measure for expenses related to crime prevention, safety/security, and beautification in the district as mandated by the bill. All funds and income generated will be used for these purposes.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Local governmental revenues may increase by $40,500 in FY 2014-2015, increasing to $81,000 in FY 2015 -2016.

According to our contact with the proposed District, revenues may be generated by parcel fees, if approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district. If approved, the fee expires five years from its initial levy, but may be renewed by approval of a majority of the registered voters of the district. The parcel fees would begin in the second half of FY 2014 -2015 due to the timing of the passage of the public vote and the processing of the first levy.

There are 331 residents and 69 commercial businesses within the district. Based on the number of parcels located in the districts, the revenues collected are anticipated to be approximately $81,000 a year. (331 resident parcels X 150) + (69 commercial parcels X 450). However, this may be less depending on the number of parcels owned by residents that are 70 years of age or older.

The EBR Sheriff's Office is allowed to retain 1% of the amount collected as a collection fee.

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☐ 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
☐ 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
☐ 6.8(F) >= $500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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