

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1034

BY REPRESENTATIVE BACALA

CRIME: Authorizes the establishment of temporary protection zones

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:329.9, relative to offenses affecting the public generally; to authorize the  
3 establishment of temporary protection zones; to provide for information to be  
4 disseminated regarding temporary protection zones; to provide relative to the  
5 duration of a temporary protective zone; to provide for penalties; to provide for a  
6 limitation; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:329.9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §329.9. Temporary protection zones; establishment; penalties

10 A. The parish president, mayor, sheriff, chief of police, or chief executive  
11 officer of a political subdivision may, when necessary to ensure public safety, issue  
12 a proclamation that establishes one or more temporary protection zones within the  
13 territorial jurisdiction of the political subdivision. A temporary protection zone may  
14 include highways, shorelines, waterways, or other areas within the jurisdiction of the  
15 issuing authority.

16 B.(1) Any proclamation that establishes a temporary protection zone shall  
17 be in writing and contain all of the following:

18 (a) The circumstances that necessitate the establishment of the temporary  
19 protection zone.

1           (b) The geographic boundaries of the temporary protection zone, with  
2           sufficient specificity to provide reasonable notice to the public.

3           (c) The date and time when the proclamation of the temporary protection  
4           zone takes effect.

5           (d) A description of the restrictions on access to or activity within the  
6           temporary protection zone.

7           (2) The proclamation shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall  
8           be filed with the clerk of court's office.

9           C. A temporary protection zone established pursuant to this Section shall  
10          remain in effect only as long as necessary to ensure the security of the area and shall  
11          not remain in effect for longer than seventy-two hours from the date and time of  
12          issuance. Nothing in this Section prohibits the issuing authority from establishing  
13          a new temporary protection zone upon the expiration of a previously established  
14          zone, provided that the establishment of the zone is still warranted pursuant to  
15          Subsection A of this Section.

16          D. A person who, after being advised of the establishment of a temporary  
17          protection zone pursuant to this Section, violates any provision of the proclamation  
18          that established the zone or any lawful directive given by a law enforcement officer  
19          relating to the enforcement of the zone shall be punished as follows:

20               (1) If the violation involves the wrongful use of public property, the offender  
21               shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six  
22               months, or both.

23               (2) If the violation involves serious bodily injury or property damage in  
24               excess of five thousand dollars, the offender shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not  
25               more than five years.

26               (3) If the violation involves the death of any person, the offender shall be  
27               imprisoned at hard labor for not more than twenty-one years.

1           E. This Section does not grant a parish president, mayor, sheriff, chief of  
2           police, or chief executive officer of a political subdivision the authority to act in a  
3           manner inconsistent with R.S. 40:1796.

4           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
8 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 1034 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes certain government authorities to declare temporary protection zones by written proclamation.

Proposed law authorizes certain government officials to issue a proclamation that establishes one or more temporary protection zones within the territorial jurisdiction of the political subdivision when necessary to ensure public safety.

Proposed law provides for areas that may be included within the temporary protection zone.

Proposed law requires any proclamation that establishes a temporary protection zone to be in writing, provides for information to be contained in the proclamation, and provides for public notice and filing procedures.

Proposed law provides for the duration of the temporary protection zone and for the establishment of a new temporary protection zone upon the expiration of a previously established protection zone, if warranted.

Proposed law provides penalties for any person who, after being advised of the establishment of a temporary protection zone, violates any provision of the proclamation that established the zone or any lawful directive given by a law enforcement officer relating to the enforcement of the zone. Further provides for penalties as follows:

- (1) If the violation involves the wrongful use of public property, a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for a maximum of six months, or both.
- (2) If the violation involves serious bodily injury or property damage in excess of \$5,000, imprisonment at hard labor for a maximum of five years.
- (3) If the violation involves the death of any person, imprisonment at hard labor for a maximum of 21 years.

Proposed law does not grant a parish president, mayor, sheriff, chief of police, or chief executive officer of a political subdivision the authority to act in a manner inconsistent with present law (R.S. 40:1796).

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

(Adds R.S. 14:329.9)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Clarify that proposed law does not grant a parish president, mayor, sheriff, chief of police, or chief executive officer of a political subdivision the authority to act in a manner inconsistent with present law (R.S. 40:1796).
2. Make technical changes.