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## DIGEST

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HB 1034 Engrossed

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Bacala

**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.