

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**HB 837**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Marcelle**

May 18, 2018

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 837 by Representative Marcelle, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Claitor (#4418) be adopted.
2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Claitor (#4462) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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 DIGEST

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT: Provides relative to powers of crime prevention districts

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Remove provisions authorizing districts to use revenues for the "overall betterment of the district".
2. Remove provision for immunity of board members from liability for monetary damages for breach of duties.

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Provided that board members are subject to recall election in accordance with the La. Election Code.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law creates particular crime prevention districts in specified neighborhoods.

Proposed law authorizes any such district to use proceeds of a parcel fee it imposes to provide for the beautification of public spaces and to encourage beautification of private spaces, if the voters of the district authorize such use.

Proposed law provides that the district shall indemnify its officers and board members and that, as permitted by present law, a board member is not individually liable for any act or omission arising out of performance of his duties.

Proposed law authorizes a crime prevention district to purchase or lease items and supplies and to exercise the following powers and duties:

- (1) To procure and maintain liability insurance against liability of a board member in his service or actions as a board member.
- (2) To solicit, accept, and expend additional voluntary contributions and grants.

Proposed law provides that if the parish in which the district is located has imposed a parcel fee to fund the district, the parish may delegate the authority to impose the fee to the district. Further provides that if the parish does so, the district's budget shall not be subject to approval of the parish governing authority and the sheriff or other tax collector shall remit amounts collected directly to the district.

(Amends R.S. 33:9099.1; Adds R.S. 33:9099.4)