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Abstract: Provides relative to the Jefferson Place/Bocage Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Present law creates the Jefferson Place/Bocage Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish as a political subdivision of the state in order to aid in crime prevention and to add to the security of district residents by providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law provides for the expansion of the district's boundaries to include a specified area, subject to approval of the voters in that area.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a nine-member board of commissioners and requires all members be residents of the district.

Proposed law further requires members be qualified voters residing within the district.

Present law authorizes the district, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee. Authorizes the renewal of the fee after 10 years, at any regularly scheduled election in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Proposed law removes such scheduling requirement and requires that any election be held in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Present constitution provides for an exemption from the parcel fee if the owner qualifies for the special assessment level.

Proposed law limits the exemption to those owners who qualified prior to Jan. 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 33:9097.12(B), (D)(2), (E)(7), (F)(3)(c) and (4))