## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for changes to the name of road lighting districts to security and road lighting districts. Further provides for security and road lighting district funds to be utilized to expand safety measures within the security and road lighting district.

Present law authorizes local governing authorities to create consolidated road lighting districts.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains the authorization but changes the name <u>from</u> road lighting districts <u>to</u> security and road lighting districts.

<u>Present law</u> provides for individual road lighting districts to no longer have the power to levy taxes when they are incorporated into a consolidated road lighting district.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains the provision of <u>present law</u> but changes the name <u>from</u> road lighting district to security and road lighting district.

<u>Present law</u> provides for consolidated districts to retain the original purpose for which they were created.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains provisions of <u>present law</u> but changes the name <u>from</u> road lighting districts <u>to</u> security and road lighting districts.

<u>Present law</u> provides for parish governing authorities to create road lighting districts to provide and maintain electric lights on the streets, roads, highways, alleys, and public places of the district.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains provisions of <u>present law</u> but changes the name <u>from</u> road lighting districts <u>to</u> security and road lighting districts and adds electronic safety equipment to the things the districts can provide and maintain.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the designation of road lighting districts, for parish governing authority to be the governing authority of the district, and for the parish treasurer to be the treasurer of the district.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains provisions of <u>present law</u> but changes the designation <u>from</u> road lighting districts <u>to</u> security and road lighting districts.

Present law provides for taxes to be levied to provide electric light on the streets, roads, highways,

alleys, and public places in road lighting districts.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains provisions of <u>present law</u> but adds provision of electronic safety equipment in addition to electric lights on the streets, roads, highways, alleys, and public places in road lighting districts and changes the name from road lighting districts to security and road lighting districts.

Present law provides for limitations on taxes levied for road lighting districts in specific parishes.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains provisions of <u>present law</u> but changes the name <u>from</u> road lighting districts <u>to</u> security and road lighting districts.

<u>Present law</u> provides millage limitations for certain parishes and requires voter approval for the tax to be levied.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a service charge in Ouachita Parish for road lighting districts.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains the provision of <u>present law</u> but changes the name <u>from</u> road lighting districts <u>to</u> security and road lighting districts.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows parish governing authorities to utilize up to twenty-five percent of security and road lighting district funds for electronic safety equipment within the security and road lighting district.

Authorizes and directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to review all statutes containing phrases being changed by this Act and to change such references where it deems appropriate.

(Amends the heading of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 48:1301, 1303, 1304, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1308.1, 1308.2, 1308.3, 1308.4, 1309; Adds R.S. 48:1306.1)