

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 354****2024 Regular Session****Brass**

DISTRICTS/ROAD LIGHTING: Provides for the authority of road lighting districts and the allocation of funding

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Change proposed law *from* changing the name of road lighting districts *to* authorizing road lighting districts to expend funds on certain security electronic safety equipment.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law authorizes parish governing authorities to create road lighting districts and to consolidate existing districts. Road lighting districts are authorized to enter into contracts with an electric public utility to provide and maintain electric lights on the roads and in public places. Provides that the parish governing authority is the governing authority of such a district and the parish treasurer is the district's treasurer. Authorizes road lighting districts to levy ad valorem taxes subject to voter approval.

Proposed law provides that a parish governing authority may also authorize any such district it creates or any consolidated district it creates pursuant to present law to use up to 25% of its funds to purchase, install, operate, and maintain electronic safety equipment.

Proposed law provides that a parish governing authority may designate a district that is authorized to use funds in accordance with present law as a security and road lighting district in a form similar to that provided by proposed law for road lighting districts.

(Amends the Heading of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of L.R.S. and R.S. 48:1306, 1307, and 1308)