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Proposed law creates the Parish Preservation Act.

Proposed law provides for the following legislative findings:

- (1) The legislature strives to ensure that Louisiana's government is responsive to the needs of the people of this state and that the government of this state is accountable, efficient, and effective.
- (2) The use by a municipality of tax revenues previously used to provide services to the parish as a whole impacts the parish government and its local residents.
- (3) All citizens, including those who reside in historically underserved areas of the parish, deserve high-quality services.
- (4) Seeking to reduce the benefit to parish government of tax revenues collected from and on behalf of significant public entities such as airports, recreation and park commissions, libraries, transit systems, and concert and sporting venues, as well as from private businesses who have invested long-term in the parish, should cause grave concern as to the impact of taking resources away from neighborhoods and areas of the parish which have benefitted from the parish investment.
- (5) Operating efficiently and cost-effectively is best for each municipality, parish government and the state of Louisiana.
- (6) Working cooperatively, involving public input, ensuring high quality services for all parish residents and providing consistent transparency will improve outcomes.

Proposed law provides that in a parish with a population of not less than 445,000 persons and not more than 460,000 persons according to the latest federal decennial census, prior to final local approval and implementation of a change in the allocation of tax revenue proceeds from the consolidated parish government to an incorporated municipality within that parish when the amount of the revenue loss to the consolidated parish government would represent a greater than five percent impact on the parish general fund budget, both the municipality and the consolidated parish government shall provide reports at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Law and the Louisiana Public Records Act.

Proposed law provides that the report shall include:

- (1) Need for the additional revenue and plan for the use of the revenue by the municipality.
- (2) Manner in which the municipality would assume, deliver and fund any particular service currently being provided by the consolidated parish government, and the anticipated impact on residents of the municipality as a result of that change in delivery.
- (3) Anticipated impact on the ability of the consolidated parish government to deliver public services after the anticipated loss of parish revenues, any anticipated cessation or reduction in parish government services, and the resulting anticipated impact on residents of the parish who currently receive the services.
- (4) Anticipated impact of the loss in parish government revenue on any historically underserved areas of the parish as a result of any projected reduction in services or community investments.

Proposed law provides that nothing in proposed law shall be construed to conflict with the plan of government of the parish.

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(Adds R.S. 33:3080.1-3080.3)