

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

DISTRICTS/NEIGHBORHOOD: Provides relative to the Upper Audubon Security District
in Orleans Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(2) and (4)(b) and to repeal Section 3 of Act No.
3 307 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to Orleans
4 Parish; to provide relative to the Upper Audubon Security District; to provide
5 relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to increase the maximum fee
6 authorized to be imposed; to provide limitations; to provide for an effective date; and
7 to provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(2) and (4)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted to
13 read as follows:

14 §9091.12. Upper Audubon Security District

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16 F. Parcel fee.

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18 (2)(a) The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution
19 of the board. The fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed ~~seven~~ twelve
20 hundred dollars per year for each parcel.

1 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph,
2 owners who have been granted the Louisiana Special Assessment Level pursuant to
3 Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana prior to January 1,
4 ~~2022~~ 2026, shall be charged fifty percent of the parcel fee charged to other owners.
5 Any such owner shall submit to the board, no later than January 15, ~~2022~~ 2026, a
6 copy of the notification that is provided to him by the assessor's office that
7 documents his eligibility for the special assessment level.

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9 (4)

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11 ~~(b)(i) Except as provided in Item (ii) of this Subparagraph, the~~ The fee shall
12 expire at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed seven
13 years from its initial imposition, but the fee may be renewed as provided in
14 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. Any election to authorize the renewal of the fee
15 shall be held only at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of
16 New Orleans. If renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be provided in
17 the proposition authorizing such renewal, not to exceed seven years.

18 ~~(ii) If the voters authorize a maximum fee in excess of five hundred dollars~~
19 ~~per parcel of land as authorized in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection prior to January~~
20 ~~1, 2026, then such fee shall expire on December 31, 2026, but the fee may be~~
21 ~~renewed as provided in Item (i) of this Subparagraph.~~

22 Section 2. Section 3 of Act No. 307 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana
23 Legislature is hereby repealed in its entirety.

24 Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 33:9091.12 as amended by Act No. 307 of the
25 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and this Act shall not be implemented
26 until the first day of January following an election at which a majority of the voters of the
27 district voting on the proposition approve the imposition of the parcel fee in accordance with
28 this Act.

1 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 53 Engrossed

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Abstract: Relative to the parcel fee imposed within the Upper Audubon Security District, increases the maximum parcel fee authorized to the imposed within the district.

Present law creates the Upper Audubon Security District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision to aid in crime prevention and reduction by providing additional security for district residents. Provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to impose a parcel fee on behalf of the district, subject to voter approval. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the parcel fee shall not exceed \$700 per parcel per year. Proposed law increases the maximum parcel fee to \$1200 per parcel per year.

Present constitution provides for freezing the assessment level for ad valorem taxes on property with a homestead exemption for an owner whose income is below a certain level (\$100,000) and who meets one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Is 65 years of age or older.
- (2) Has a service-connected disability rating of 50% or more.
- (3) Is a member of the U.S. armed forces or the La. National Guard who owned and last occupied such property and was killed in action, or is missing in action or a prisoner of war for a period exceeding 90 days.
- (4) Is permanently totally disabled.

Present law requires that an owner who qualifies for the special assessment prior to Jan. 1, 2022, be charged 50% of the parcel fee amount charged to other owners. Requires the owner to submit to the board documentation from the assessor's office that proves his eligibility no later than January 15, 2022.

Proposed law changes the date for qualification for the special assessment to Jan. 1, 2026. Requires the owner to submit to the board documentation proving eligibility no later than Jan. 15, 2026.

Proposed law provides that proposed law cannot be implemented until Jan. 1st of the year following an election at which a majority of voters of the district voting on the proposition approve the imposition of the fee.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(2) and (4)(b); Repeals §3 of Act No. 307 of 2021 R.S.)