

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 236

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

BLIGHTED PROPERTY. Provides for the demolition or removal of dilapidated and dangerous buildings or structures by the governing authority of a parish or municipality. (8/1/25)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4761(A) and (B), relative to removal of dangerous buildings or structures in parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to blighted property in the city of Baton Rouge and in the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the authority to condemn, demolish, or remove dilapidated and dangerous buildings or structures; to provide with respect to the governing authority; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4761(A) and (B) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4761. Condemnation of buildings by all parishes and municipalities

A. The governing authority of any parish or municipality may condemn and cause to be demolished or removed any building or structure within the parish or municipality when it is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge, the governing authority

- 1 **pursuant to this Section shall be the administrative court established by**
2 **ordinance.**
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 33:4761) provides that the governing authority of any parish or municipality may condemn and cause to be demolished or removed any building or structure within the parish or municipality when it is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the governing authority pursuant to present law shall be the administrative court established by ordinance.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 33:4761(A) and (B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides that the appropriate venue of an administrative court in the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge shall be determined by ordinance.