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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 179

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, or a subcommittee thereof, to study the effectiveness of neighborhood crime prevention and security districts in reducing crime and to report its findings to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana no later than March 1, 2027.

WHEREAS, neighborhood crime prevention and security districts are created by the Louisiana Legislature pursuant to Chapter 29 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 to provide specialized geographic zones to address local safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a neighborhood crime prevention and security district typically involves establishing a governing body consisting of local government officials, property owners, or appointed community residents who are responsible for overseeing district operations; and

WHEREAS, these governing bodies are often tasked with creating policies, developing budgets, and overseeing security initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the powers of the districts typically include the ability to deploy enhanced patrols and security measures, which allow the districts to increase law enforcement visibility; and

WHEREAS, the districts may also utilize surveillance and technology deployment, such as installing security cameras, lighting, or other crime prevention tools; and

WHEREAS, the districts are typically funded through a parcel fee levied by or on behalf of the district, subject to the approval of the residents of the respective districts; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the neighborhood crime prevention and security districts in the state are located within the parishes of Orleans and East Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a comprehensive study on whether these parishes have experienced a reduction in crime as a result of the creation of neighborhood crime prevention and security districts within their localities; and

WHEREAS, there is also a need for an examination of whether the funds generated from the parcel fees levied by or on behalf of the districts are being used efficiently and whether the uses of such funds align with the goals and objectives of the districts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, or a subcommittee thereof, to study the effectiveness of neighborhood crime prevention and security districts in reducing crime and to report its findings to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana no later than March 1, 2027.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES