

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 397 (HB 138)

2026 Regular Session

Carpenter

Existing law creates the Parkwood Terrace Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District as a political subdivision in East Baton Rouge Parish for the purpose of providing security for district residents and serving the needs of district residents by funding beautification and improvements for the overall betterment of the district. Provides for district boundaries. Provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners. Provides for the powers and duties of the district.

Prior law authorized the governing authority of the parish of East Baton Rouge, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district.

New law removes prior law and instead authorizes the district to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district, subject to voter approval.

Existing law provides that the amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution of the board. Provides that the fee shall not be less than \$100 per parcel per year for lots zoned for residential use.

New law provides that the fee shall not exceed \$150 per parcel per year for lots zoned for residential use.

New law authorizes the board, during the term of the fee, to increase the fee one time during each subsequent calendar year, without election, not to exceed ten percent of the amount imposed during the previous calendar year. Prohibits the board from increasing the fee in excess of the maximum amount of \$150 per parcel per year.

Prior law required the board, at least 30 days prior to any election to approve the imposition of a parcel fee, to mail notification of the upcoming election to each registered voter of the district and to the owner of each parcel if the owner was not a registered voter of the district.

New law removes prior law.

Prior law provided that the fee expired 10 years from its initial levy. New law provides that the fee expires at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed 10 years.

New law additionally authorizes the district to solicit, accept, and expend additional voluntary contributions and grants to carry out its purposes.

Existing law provides that it is the purpose and intent of existing law that the additional law enforcement personnel and services provided by the district shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the city of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish.

New law additionally provides that the personnel and services provided by the district shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the city of Baker.

Prior law provided that if the district ceased to exist, any funds of the district should be transmitted to the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge and used for law enforcement purposes in the area included within the district.

New law removes prior law and instead requires that funds of the district be transmitted to the governing authority of the city of Baker to be used for law enforcement purposes in the area included within the district.

New law requires the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish to continue to levy the fee until such time as it expires, as provided in the proposition approved by a majority of the district's registered voters voting on the proposition at an election held on Dec. 10, 2016. However, new law authorizes the board to submit the question of imposition of the fee as

provided in new law to the voters prior to the expiration of the fee. Requires the board to begin to levy a parcel fee as provided in new law if the parcel fee is approved by the voters.

Effective upon lapse of time for gubernatorial action (May 24, 2026).

(Amends R.S. 33:9097.29(E)(3), (F)(intro. para.), (1), and (3), (G), and (H); Adds R.S. 33:9097.29(I) and (J))