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HOUSE BILL NO. 458

BY REPRESENTATIVES ADAMS, BILLIOT, LEOPOLD, AND LORUSSO AND  
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HOMELAND SECURITY: Provides relative to the powers of a parish president during a  
declared local disaster or emergency

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 29:727(J), relative to emergency powers of the parish president; to authorize  
3 the recovery of certain costs and damages from a responsible party during a declared  
4 parish emergency; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:727(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §727. Powers of the parish president; penalties for violations

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9 J. If a parish president or chief executive officer of a municipality has  
10 declared a local disaster or emergency pursuant to Subsection D of this Section,  
11 actual costs and expenses resulting from the expenditure of resources or personnel  
12 to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens may be recovered from the  
13 responsible party, even if there is no actual damage sustained by the parish or  
14 municipality.

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

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a parish president to recover certain costs and damages expended during a declared parish emergency.

Proposed law authorizes a parish president to recover actual costs and expenses from the responsible party, which results from the expenditure of resources or personnel during a declared local disaster or emergency even if there is no actual damage sustained by the parish or municipality.

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

(Adds R.S. 29:727(J))