RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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<u>Existing law</u> authorizes parish governing authorities to require property owners to cut grass on their property. Authorizes the parishes to have such work done and charge the property owner for the work if the property owner does not cut the grass himself. Requires the parish governing authority to serve a registered or certified letter as notification to property owners each time before cutting or removing obnoxious weeds growing on the property.

<u>Existing law</u> authorizes the governing authorities of the parishes of Point Coupee and St. Landry to amend local ordinances to require that only one yearly notice be sent to compel property owners to cut grass on their property. <u>New law</u> adds the governing authorities of St. Charles and St. John the Baptist to parishes so authorized.

<u>Existing law</u> requires that prior to authorizing the grass cutting, the governing authority shall file an affidavit that includes:

- (1) A description of the property.
- (2) A photograph of the property identifying the unsafe conditions.
- (3) A statement that the property owner liable has within the past 12 months failed to do such work after notification and an opportunity to do so.

New law makes existing law applicable to St. Charles Parish and St. John the Baptist Parish.

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(Amends R.S. 33:1236.26(A))