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## DIGEST

SB 344 Reengrossed

## 2020 Regular Session

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<u>Proposed law</u> defines "battery-charged fence" as a new or existing alarm system and ancillary components or equipment attached to such a system, including but not limited to: a fence, a battery-operated energizer which is intended to periodically deliver voltage impulses to the fence connected to it, and a battery charging device used exclusively to charge the battery.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes parish and municipal governing authorities to provide, by ordinance, for the regulation of battery-charged fences installed in their jurisdictions. Provides that such ordinances must require that battery-charged fences meet certain requirements including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Interfaces with a monitored alarm device in a manner that enables the alarm system to transmit a signal intended to summon law enforcement in response to an intrusion or burglary.
- (2) Is located on property that is not zoned exclusively for residential use.
- (3) Has an energizer that is powered by a commercial storage battery that is not more than 12 volts of direct current.
- (4) Is the higher of 10 feet or two feet higher than the height of the nonelectric perimeter fence or wall.
- (5) Is marked with conspicuous warning signs that are located on the battery-charged fence reading "WARNING-ELECTRIC FENCE".

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits a parish or municipal governing authority from enacting an ordinance that:

- (1) Requires a permit or fee for the installation or use of a battery-charged fence that is in addition to an alarm system permit.
- (2) Imposes installation or operational requirements for the battery-charged fence that are inconsistent with proposed law.
- (3) Prohibits the installation or use of a battery-charged fence.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 33:1376)

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

## Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Specifies that a battery-charged fence must be the higher of 10 feet or two feet higher than the height of a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall.
- 2. Removes the requirement that a battery-charged fence must be marked with conspicuous warning signs that reads "Has an energizer that is powered by a commercial storage battery that is not more than 12 volts of direct current".