

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 200

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

NUISANCE/PUBLIC: Provides relative to the growth of grass, weeds, and other deleterious matter in St. Bernard Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1236(21)(b)(i), (iv), (v), and (vii) and to enact R.S.
3 33:1236(21)(i), relative to St. Bernard Parish; to provide relative to the growth and
4 accumulation of grass, weeds, and other deleterious matter; to provide relative to the
5 powers granted to the parish governing authority with respect to the removal of such
6 deleterious matter; to provide relative to the costs incurred by the parish governing
7 authority relative to removal; to provide relative to liens granted in favor of the
8 parish governing authority; and to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 33:1236(21)(b)(i), (iv), (v), and (vii) are hereby amended and
14 reenacted and R.S. 33:1236(21)(i) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 §1236. Powers of parish governing authorities

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19 (21)

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6 (iv) Upon failure of any such property owner to pay the charges, the
7 governing authority may file a certified copy of the charges with the recorder of
8 mortgages, and the same, when so filed and recorded, shall operate as a lien and
9 privilege in favor of the parish against the property on which the matter was cut or
10 removed. In the ~~parishes of Jefferson and St. Bernard Parish~~, the lien and privilege
11 granted under this Paragraph, when recorded within sixty days from the date of
12 completion of the cutting or removal, shall have the same ranking as an ad valorem
13 tax lien on immovable property as provided in R.S. 9:4821(A)(1).

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes St. Bernard Parish to cut or remove deleterious or unhealthy growths and other discarded or noxious matter and to charge the property owner under certain conditions.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of St. Bernard Parish to enact ordinances regulating or prohibiting the growth or accumulation of grass, obnoxious weeds, or other deleterious or unhealthful growths, trash, debris, refuse, or discarded or noxious matter on property within the parish. Authorizes the parish governing authority, if the owner fails to take the required action within 15 days of notice, to have the matter cut or removed and to charge the property owner. Authorizes the parish governing authority to place a lien against a property if the owner does not pay, such lien having the same ranking as an ad valorem tax lien. Additionally authorizes the parish governing authority to add the removal charges to the annual ad valorem tax bill.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of St. Bernard Parish to have the matter cut or removed and to charge the property owner if the owner fails to take the required action within seven days of notice instead of 15 days. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 33:1236(21)(b)(i), (iv), (v), and (vii); Adds R.S. 33:1236(21)(i))