
DIGEST

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HB No. 485

Abstract: Provides changes to the Broadmoor Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish relative to appointments to the board, terms of board members, and the levy of a parcel fee instead of an ad valorem tax.

Present law establishes the Broadmoor Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law establishes a seven member board of commissioners for the district, appointed by several local and private entities. Proposed law deletes the authority of the president of the Broadmoor Residents Association to make an appointment and increases to two the number of appointments made by the board of directors of the association.

Present law provides for terms for commissioners based on various factors in present law. Proposed law changes these terms to set two-year and three-year terms as described in proposed law.

Present law gives the parish on behalf of the district the authority to levy an ad valorem tax on property within the district. Proposed law removes this authority.

Proposed law authorizes the parish on behalf of the district to levy a parcel fee on all improved and unimproved parcels within the district. Further provides that the fee shall not exceed \$100 and must be approved by the registered voters of the district before it may be assessed. Proposed law provides a maximum term for the levy of the parcel fee and provides for renewal of the fee upon a vote of the majority of the registered voters of the district. Proposed law further authorizes the governing authority of the district, five years after initial implementation of the parcel fee, to increase the parcel fee to no more than \$200 by duly adopted resolution of the board, without a vote of the people. This authority may only be exercised one time.

Proposed law provides for collection of the fee and penalties for unpaid fees.

Present law requires the board of commissioners to adopt an annual budget for the district. Proposed law retains present law. Present law requires the board of commissioners to obtain approval of the district's budget from the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council. Proposed law removes this requirement. Proposed law requires the district's budget be submitted to the EBR Metropolitan Council (but does not require approval by the council).

Proposed law provides for indemnification of board members acting in the performance of their duties.

Proposed law provides that the term of each commissioner serving on the effective date of proposed law shall terminate at midnight on Dec. 31, 2011. Further provides that all subsequent appointments to the board and all vacancies on the board shall be filled according to the provisions of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 33:9097.8 (D)(1) - (3), (F), (G)(1), and (H)(2); Adds R.S. 33:9097.8(I))