The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

Amedee (SB 122)

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the governing authority of the parishes of Jefferson, Ouachita, St. Tammany, and Calcasieu to require or compel property owners to remove trash, debris, junk, wrecked or used automobiles, or motor vehicles, or any part or parts thereof, or any other junk, discarded or abandoned machinery or other metal, tin, or other discarded items on their property, when such items are being stored or kept in violation of any zoning or other regulatory ordinance.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds the governing authority of Ascension Parish to <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the governing authority of the parishes of Jefferson and St. Tammany to place a lien against a property owner for failure to pay charges and the lien shall have the same ranking as an ad valorem tax lien on immovable property as provided in R.S. 9:4821(1); <u>present law</u> also provides for the parishes of Jefferson and St. Tammany to be the sole and proper defendant in any action, authorized by law, to contest the addition of such charges to the ad valorem tax bill of the property involved.

Proposed law adds the governing authority of Ascension Parish to present law.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a collection fee for the sheriffs of Jefferson and St. Tammany in an amount equal to 15% of the amount of such charges actually collected from the property owner.

Proposed law adds the sheriff of Ascension Parish to present law.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R. S. 33:1236(30)(b)(i), (iii), (iv), and (vi))