Sam Jones (HB 160) **Act No. 255**

Existing law provides generally for the membership of parish and municipal planning and zoning commissions and generally requires members to serve without compensation. Provides exceptions.

Existing law authorizes parish governing authorities to divide their respective parishes into districts in order to regulate and restrict the erection, construction, alteration, or use of buildings, structures, and land. Additionally authorizes parish governing authorities to provide for the appointment of a board of adjustment to determine and vary the application of the regulations and restrictions in harmony with their general purpose. Provides further with respect to the board of adjustment, including the membership of the board and its powers and duties.

New law authorizes the governing authority of St. Mary Parish to pay a per diem in the amount of $75 to members of the planning and zoning commission and the board of adjustment for attendance at commission and board meetings. Provides that per diem may not be paid for more than 15 meetings per year and requires the governing authority to pay the per diem from monies appropriated out of the parish general fund.

Effective July 1, 2011.

(Adds R.S. 33:103(C)(1)(m) and 4780.46.1)