

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

House Bill No. 1117 by Representative Billiot

PROPERTY/VACANT SUBSTAND: Provides relative to the dedication of property for public use in certain parishes

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Deletes provisions authorizing the awarding of attorney fees and court costs incurred in the defense of a grass-cutting lien wrongfully recorded and enforced by a parish governing authority.
2. Adds provisions relative to certain parish governing authorities and the revocation of the dedication of certain property for public use. Relative to the reversion of the property's title after revocation, provides an exception to the reversion under certain circumstances.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law authorizes parish governing authorities and municipal corporations of the state, except Orleans Parish, to revoke and set aside the dedication of all parks, public squares or plots dedicated to public use within their respective limits, when such parks, public squares or plots have been abandoned or are no longer needed for public purposes. Provides that, upon revocation, the title to the land covered by and embraced in such parks, public squares or plots, reverts to the person(s) who were the owners of the land at the time of the dedication, their heirs, successors or assigns.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the reversion provided for in present law shall not apply in any parish with a population greater than 107,500 and less than 116,500 persons when a parish governing authority exchanges property dedicated to public use for property of equal or greater value to be dedicated for the same such public purpose or use. Provides however, that the property must be used for the purpose for which it was dedicated by June 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 33:4718)