

New law creates the Glen Oaks Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish for the purposes of providing security for district residents and serving the needs of district residents by funding beautification and improvements for the overall betterment of the district. Provides for district boundaries.

New law provides that the district is governed by a board of commissioners. Requires each board member to be a resident and qualified voter in the district. Provides that the board shall be composed as follows:

- (1) Two members appointed by the state representative for House District No. 29.
- (2) Two members appointed by the state senator for Senate District No. 15.
- (3) One member appointed by the member(s) of the governing authority of the parish of East Baton Rouge who represent the district.

New law provides that members serve staggered four-year terms. Requires board members to serve without compensation and without reimbursement for expenses.

New law provides relative to the powers and duties of the district.

New law authorizes the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the amount of the fee shall be as requested by the board. Further provides that the fee shall be a flat fee per improved parcel not to exceed \$100 per parcel per year for lots zoned for residential use and \$500 per year for lots zoned for commercial use.

New law requires the board of commissioners, at least 30 days prior to any election held to approve imposition of a parcel fee, to mail notification of the upcoming election to each registered voter of the district and to the owner of a parcel if the owner is not a registered voter of the district.

New law requires the initial election on the question of the imposition to be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in East Baton Rouge Parish. Provides that the fee shall expire eight years from its initial levy. Authorizes renewal of such fee.

New law requires that the fee be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes are collected in the parish. Requires the sheriff to collect and remit to the district all amounts collected not more than 60 days after collection. Authorizes the board to enter into an agreement with the sheriff to authorize the sheriff to retain a collection fee.

New law requires the board of commissioners to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

New law provides that it is the purpose and intent of new law that the additional law enforcement personnel and services provided by the district shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the city of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish. Further provides that if the district ceases to exist, any funds of the district shall be transmitted to the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge and shall be used for law enforcement purposes in the area included within the district.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 7, 2012).

(Adds R.S. 33:9097.13)