

New law creates the Mayfair Park/Park East/Heights Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention and adding to the security of district residents. Provides for district boundaries and that the district shall be governed by a board of seven commissioners, all of whom shall own immovable property in the district, composed as follows:

- (1) The presidents of the Mayfair Park, Mayfair Park East, and Mayfair Heights homeowners associations shall serve as ex officio members.
- (2) The member of the La. House of Representatives whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one member.
- (3) The member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one member.
- (4) The mayor-president shall appoint one member.
- (5) The member of the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one member.

New law provides that appointees serve terms concurrent with those of their respective appointing authority. Provides that vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and that members shall serve without compensation and without reimbursement of expenses.

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

New law authorizes the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district the amount of which shall be as requested by duly adopted board resolution. Provides that the fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of improved land not to exceed \$144 per year. Provides that the fee is subject to voter approval. Prohibits the imposition of the fee on a parcel if any owner of the parcel is 65 years of age or older. Provides that the fee shall expire five years after its initial levy, but may be renewed for a term not to exceed five years.

New law requires that the fee be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes are collected. New law requires the sheriff to remit to the district all amounts collected not more than 60 days after collection and provides that he shall receive the same commissions as he receives for collecting ad valorem taxes.

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 their services provided for through the fees authorized by new law shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the city and parish. New law provides that if the district ceases to exist, district funds shall be transmitted to the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish and requires that such funds be used for law enforcement purposes in the area included within the district.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 11, 2012).

(Adds R.S. 33:9097.13)