## DIGEST

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HB No. 130

Abstract: Provides for the distribution of the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund.

<u>Present law</u> establishes the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund as a special treasury fund. The avails of the state sales tax on hotel rooms in Ascension Parish is deposited into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used solely for promoting tourism and related purposes in Ascension Parish.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the monies shall be available exclusively for use by the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish.

Proposed law provides that for FY 2013-2014, monies in the fund shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$75,000 to the city of Donaldsonville.
- (2) \$75,000 to the city of Gonzales.
- (3) \$5,000 to the town of Sorrento.
- (4) The remainder to the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that for FY 2014-2015, and each year thereafter, monies in the fund shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) 12% to the city of Donaldsonville.
- (2) 12% to the city of Gonzales.
- (3) 1% to the town of Sorrento.
- (4) 75% to the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 47:302.21(B))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Appropriations</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Changed allocations of monies deposited into the fund.