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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the powers and duties of the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority.

Present law creates and provides for the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority as a political subdivision of the state to provide for the utilization of appropriate private and public resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of slum, blighted, and distressed areas. Provides that the object of present law is to provide a unified and comprehensive response to the housing shortages and other indirect effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita upon south central La. Provides that the authority shall be comprised of all the territory in the parish, including the territory comprising the municipalities of Baker, Baton Rouge, Central, and Zachary. Provides that the authority is governed by a five-member board of commissioners.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the authority, including the power to acquire by gift, grant, purchase, lease, or otherwise and to hold and use any property, real, personal, mixed, tangible, or intangible, or any interest therein, necessary or desirable for carrying out the objects and purposes of the authority. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the authority shall not have any power to expropriate, except that power which is granted by the appropriate governing authority.

Proposed law removes present law and provides that the authority may expropriate property as a means to revitalize economically depressed areas by placing abandoned or blighted property back into the economic stream of commerce through rehabilitation of the abandoned or blighted property.

(Amends R.S. 33:4720.151(H)(3))