

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 837****2018 Regular Session****Marcelle**

DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT: Provides relative to powers of crime prevention districts

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Remove provisions authorizing districts to use revenues for the "overall betterment of the district".
2. Remove provision for immunity of board members from liability for monetary damages for breach of duties.
3. Expressly provides that board members are subject to recall election in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law creates particular crime prevention districts in specified neighborhoods.

Proposed law authorizes any such district to use proceeds of a parcel fee it imposes to provide for the beautification of public spaces and to encourage beautification of private spaces, if the voters of the district authorize such use.

Proposed law provides that the district shall indemnify its officers and board members and that, as permitted by present law, a board member is not individually liable for any act or omission arising out of performance of his duties.

Proposed law authorizes a crime prevention district to purchase or lease items and supplies and to exercise the following powers and duties:

- (1) To procure and maintain liability insurance against liability of a board member in his service or actions as a board member.
- (2) To solicit, accept, and expend additional voluntary contributions and grants.

Proposed law provides that if the parish in which the district is located has imposed a parcel fee to fund the district, the parish may delegate the authority to impose the fee to the district. Further provides that if the parish does so, the district's budget shall not be subject to approval of the parish governing authority and the sheriff or other tax collector shall remit amounts collected directly to the district.

Present law provides procedures for a recall election of any public officer. Proposed law retains present law and expressly provides that present law applies to any officer or board member of a crime prevention district.

(Amends R.S. 33:9099.1; Adds R.S. 33:9099.4)