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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Rededicates certain state sales tax revenues to the office of the East Baton Rouge Parish Public Defender.

Present law (R.S. 47:302.29) establishes the East Baton Rouge Parish Community Improvement Fund into which are deposited the avails of a 2% state sales tax levied on "the furnishing of sleeping rooms, cottages, or cabins by hotels" (R.S. 47:301(14)(a)) in East Baton Rouge Parish. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law dedicates 50% of the money in the East Baton Rouge Parish Community Improvement Fund to urban mass transit in East Baton Rouge Parish and the other 50% to the Research Park Corporation domiciled in East Baton Rouge Parish. Proposed law requires \$500,000 to be remitted to the office of the East Baton Rouge Public Defender prior to any other distribution from the fund. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 47:322.9) establishes the East Baton Rouge Parish Enhancement Fund into which are deposited the avails of a 1% state sales tax levied on "the furnishing of sleeping rooms, cottages, or cabins by hotels" (R.S. 47:301(14)(a)) in East Baton Rouge Parish. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law dedicates the money in the East Baton Rouge Parish Enhancement Fund as follows:

- (1) \$100,000 for urban mass transit purposes in East Baton Rouge Parish.
- (2) \$100,000 to the Baton Rouge Sports Foundation.
- (3) Remainder of the funds to the Riverside Centroplex Arena and Exhibit Center.

Proposed law repeals the \$100,000 dedication to the Baton Rouge Sports Foundation. Dedicates \$400,000 to the office of the East Baton Rouge Parish Public Defender. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 47:332.2) establishes the East Baton Rouge Parish Riverside Centroplex Fund into which are deposited the avails of a 0.97% state sales tax levied on "the furnishing of sleeping rooms, cottages, or cabins by hotels" (R.S. 47:301(14)(a)) in East Baton Rouge Parish. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law dedicates 100% of revenues in the fund to capital improvements to the Riverside Centroplex, the La. Arts and Science Center, Riverfront Promenade, and "related projects" in the Riverfront Development Plan. Proposed law requires \$100,000 to be remitted to the office of the

East Baton Rouge Parish Public Defender prior to any other distribution from the fund. Otherwise retains present law.

Effective July 1, 2020, or on the first day following legislative approval if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature.

(Amends R.S. 47:302.29(B), 322.9(B), and 332.2(B))