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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the duties and responsibilities of the parish president and sheriff during a declared local disaster or state of emergency.

Present law provides that a local disaster or emergency may be declared only by the parish president.

Present law authorizes the parish president to request assistance from GOHSEP when disaster response and recovery are beyond the capabilities of the parish.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes the sheriff, in certain parishes defined by populations, to request assistance from GOHSEP during a declared local disaster or state of emergency when so authorized by the parish governing authority.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 29:727(E))