

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 354

2024 Regular Session

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**DISTRICTS/ROAD LIGHTING: Provides for the renaming of road lighting districts and the allocation of funding.**

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DIGEST

Present law authorizes parish governing authorities to create road lighting districts and to consolidate existing districts. Road lighting districts are authorized to enter into contracts with an electric public utility to provide and maintain electric lights on the roads and in public places. Provides that the parish governing authority is the governing authority of such a district and the parish treasurer is the district's treasurer. Authorizes road lighting districts to levy ad valorem taxes subject to voter approval.

Proposed law provides that a parish governing authority may also authorize any such district it creates or any consolidated district it creates pursuant to present law to use up to 25% of its funds to purchase, install, operate, and maintain electronic safety equipment.

Proposed law provides that a parish governing authority may designate a district that is authorized to use funds in accordance with present law as a security and road lighting district in a form similar to that provided by proposed law for road lighting districts.

Proposed law provides that unless context indicates otherwise, references to road lighting districts in present law include any district designated by a parish governing authority as a security and road lighting district.

(Amends the heading of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of La. Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 48:1306, 1307, and 1308)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the reengrossed bill

- 1. Provides that a parish governing authority may also authorize any such district it creates or any consolidated district it creates pursuant to present law to use up to 25% of its funds to purchase, install, operate, and maintain electronic safety equipment
- 2. Provides that a parish governing authority may designate a district that is authorized to use funds in accordance with present law as a security and road lighting district in a form similar to that provided by proposed law.
- 3. Provides that unless context indicates otherwise, references to road lighting districts include any district designated by a parish governing authority as a security and road lighting district.