

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 126 (HB 139)

2026 Regular Session

Sawyer

New law creates the Parkview Oaks Crime Prevention and Improvement District as a political subdivision in East Baton Rouge Parish to aid in crime prevention, to enhance security within the district, to provide for an increase in security patrols in the district, and to provide for the overall betterment of the district. Provides for the boundaries of the district.

New law provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

- (1) Four members appointed by the board of directors of the Parkview Oaks Civic Association (association).
- (2) One member appointed by the member of the La. House of Representatives whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
- (3) One member appointed by the member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
- (4) One member appointed by the member of the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish whose council district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district from a list of nominations submitted by the association.

New law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to an authorized parcel fee in accordance with an adopted budget.
- (2) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public.
- (3) To provide or enhance security patrols in the district, to provide for improved lighting, signage, or matters relating to the security of the district, to provide for the beautification of and improvement to the district, and to provide generally for the overall betterment of the district.
- (4) To enter into contracts and agreements with one or more other districts for the joint security, improvement, or betterment of all participating districts.

New law authorizes the governing authority of the district, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the parcel fee shall be a flat fee per parcel not to exceed \$250 per year for each parcel; however, the initial fee for the first calendar year shall not exceed \$150 per parcel.

New law provides that the fee expires at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed 10 years. Authorizes renewal of the fee, subject to voter approval, for a term as provided in the proposition authorizing the renewal, not to exceed 10 years.

New law requires that the fee be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes. Authorizes the district to enter into an agreement with the tax collector to authorize retention of an annual collection fee, not to exceed 1% of the amount collected.

New law requires the district's board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with existing law (La. Local Government Budget Act) and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

New law provides that it is the purpose and intent of new law that any additional law enforcement personnel and services provided for through the fees authorized by new law shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, personnel and services provided in the district by publicly funded law enforcement agencies. Further provides that if the district ceases to

exist, funds, equipment, and property of the district shall be transmitted to the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge to be used only for purposes of the district.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 15, 2026).

(Adds R.S. 33:9097.44)