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DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT EG +\$22,200 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Creates the Forest Heights Park Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish

Purpose of Bill: This measure creates the Forest Heights Park Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention by providing for an increase in police presence in the district and for funding beautification and improvements for the overall betterment of the district.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local government expenditures may increase by \$22,200 annually as a result of this measure.

According to an official with the Forest Heights Park Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District, they anticipate spending the funds on security patrols, cameras, and beautification of the neighborhood.

The district will also be responsible for its share of the cost to hold the election. Information obtained from the Secretary of State's Office indicated the cost, for a single precinct, to hold an election on this matter could range from a high of \$3,500 (if the election is held alone) to a low of \$60 (if the election is held at the same time as a statewide election).

The district may enter into an agreement with the sheriff to authorize the sheriff to retain a collection fee.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Local government revenue may increase by \$22,200 annually as a result of this measure.

This measure allows for an initial parcel fee that shall not exceed \$120 per parcel per year. Not less than 5 years after initial approval of the fee, the governing authority of the district may increase the fee one time without election.

According to an official with the Forest Heights Park Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District, there are 185 parcels of property contained in the boundaries of the district.

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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