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## DIGEST

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HB 147 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the governing authority of St. Bernard Parish to enact ordinances requiring property owners to remove deleterious growths, trash, debris, and other noxious matter.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of a parish with a population of not less than 35,800 persons and not more than 39,000 persons to enact ordinances to require a property owner to cut or remove deleterious or unhealthful growths, trash, wrecked or used automobiles, and other discarded or noxious matter from his property. Authorizes the parish governing authority, if the owner fails to take the required action within 15 days of notice, to have the matter cut or removed and to charge the property owner. Authorizes the parish governing authority to place a lien against a property if the owner does not pay, such lien having the same ranking as an ad valorem tax lien. Additionally authorizes the parish governing authority to add the removal charges to the annual ad valorem tax bill.

Proposed law makes present law applicable to St. Bernard Parish rather than to parishes with a population in the specified range.

(Amends R.S. 33:1236(21)(b) and (30)(b))