
DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, limits the authority of the commission to acquire, lease, develop, operate, and manage certain properties.

Present law creates the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, as a political subdivision of the state whose jurisdiction extends throughout the whole parish. Provides that the commission is governed by a nine-member board of commissioners. Provides relative to the powers and duties of the commission including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) To incur debts and contract obligations.
- (2) To sue and be sued.
- (3) To acquire by purchase, donation, expropriation, and otherwise, from other political entities or from any other source, money and property, movable and immovable, tangible and intangible.
- (4) To own, administer, alienate, and otherwise dispose of its money and property.
- (5) To impose and collect a property tax not to exceed 18 mills on the dollar of assessed value for the purpose of acquiring, developing, maintaining, and operating the public parks and recreational properties and facilities of the commission and in making available funds for the operating budget.

Proposed law retains present law but prohibits the commission from acquiring, leasing, developing, operating, or managing any property or facility for the purpose of maintaining a collection of wild animals for study, conservation, or display to the public unless the property or facility is located in a certain location.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:4570.5)