
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the authority of crime prevention districts.

Present law creates particular crime prevention districts in specified neighborhoods.

Proposed law authorizes any such district to use proceeds of a parcel fee it imposes to provide for the beautification of public spaces, to encourage beautification of private spaces, and to provide for the overall betterment of the district if the voters of the district authorize such use.

Proposed law provides that the district shall indemnify its officers and board members and that, as permitted by present law, a board member is not individually liable for any act or omission arising out of performance of his duties.

Proposed law provides that no board member or officer of a crime prevention district shall be liable to the district or to any individual who resides, owns property, visits, or otherwise conducts business in the district for monetary damages for breach of his duties as a board member or officer unless the board member performs an act or omission not in good faith or which involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or any transaction from which he derives an improper personal benefit.

Proposed law authorizes a crime prevention district to purchase or lease items and supplies and to exercise the following powers and duties:

- (1) To procure and maintain liability insurance against liability of a board member in his service or actions as a board member.
- (2) To solicit, accept, and expend additional voluntary contributions and grants.

Proposed law provides that if the parish in which the district is located has imposed a parcel fee to fund the district, the parish may delegate the authority to impose the fee to the district. Further provides that if the parish does so, the district's budget shall not be subject to approval of the parish governing authority and the sheriff or other tax collector shall remit amounts collected directly to the district.

(Amends R.S. 33:9099.1; Adds R.S. 33:9099.4)