

**ACT No. 63**

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.20(D)(1), (3)(a), (6), and (7), (E)(9), and  
3 (F)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (5)(b) and to enact R.S. 33:9097.20(D)(3)(d),  
4 relative to the Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood  
5 Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the  
6 governing board of the district; to provide relative to the membership of the board;  
7 to provide relative to the powers and duties of the board; to provide relative to the  
8 parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide relative to the authority to impose  
9 such fee; to provide relative to the expiration and renewal of such fee; and to provide  
10 for related matters.

11 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
12 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
13 Louisiana.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 33:9097.20(D)(1), (3)(a), (6), and (7), (E)(9), and (F)(introductory  
16 paragraph), (1), and (5)(b) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:9097.20(D)(3)(d)  
17 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

18 §9097.20. Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement  
19 District

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1 D. Governance. (1) The district shall be governed by a board of eleven  
2 commissioners, referred to in this Section as the "board". The board shall be  
3 composed as follows:

4 (a) The president of the Goodwood Homesites Civic Association, Inc.,  
5 referred to in this Section as the "association", shall be a member.

6 (b) The board of directors of the association shall appoint ~~six~~ two members.

7 ~~(c) The mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton~~  
8 ~~Rouge shall appoint one member from a list of nominations submitted by the~~  
9 ~~association.~~

10 ~~(d)~~(c) The member of the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge,  
11 parish of East Baton Rouge, whose council district encompasses all or the greater  
12 portion of the area of the district shall appoint ~~one member from a list of nominations~~  
13 ~~submitted by the association~~ three members.

14 ~~(e)~~(d) The member of the Louisiana House of Representatives whose district  
15 encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint ~~one~~  
16 ~~member~~ three members.

17 ~~(f) The member of the Louisiana Senate whose district encompasses all or~~  
18 ~~the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one member.~~

19 (e) The assessor for the parish of East Baton Rouge shall appoint two  
20 members.

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22 (3)(a) Board members serving pursuant to Subparagraphs ~~(1)(b) through (f)~~  
23 (1)(b) through (e) of this Subsection shall serve four-year terms after initial terms as  
24 provided in this Subparagraph. Two members shall serve initial terms of one year,  
25 two shall serve initial terms of two years, three shall serve initial terms of three  
26 years, and three shall serve initial terms of four years, as determined by lot at the first  
27 meeting of the board.

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1                   (d) Any board member may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the  
2                   board.

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4                   (6) The minute books and archives of the district shall be maintained by the  
5                   secretary of the board. The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the  
6                   official custody of the ~~board~~ treasurer. The board may hire paid or unpaid  
7                   administrative support staff.

8                   (7) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary  
9                   or advisable for conducting its business affairs. Rules and regulations of the board  
10                  relative to the notice and conduct of meetings shall conform to the Open Meetings  
11                  Law. The board shall hold regular meetings as shall be provided for in the bylaws  
12                  and may hold special meetings at such times and places within the district as may be  
13                  prescribed in the bylaws. The board shall also be subject to the Public Records Law  
14                  and the Code of Governmental Ethics.

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16                  E. Powers and duties. The district, acting through its board, shall have the  
17                  following powers and duties:

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19                  (9) To procure and maintain liability insurance, as deemed necessary by the  
20                  board, against any personal or legal liability of a board member that may be asserted  
21                  or incurred based upon his services as a member of the board or that may arise as a  
22                  result of his actions taken within the scope and discharge of his duties as a member  
23                  of the board.

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25                  F. Parcel Fee ~~fee~~. The ~~governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge,~~  
26                  ~~parish of East Baton Rouge is hereby authorized to~~ district, acting through its board,  
27                  may impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in accordance  
28                  with the provisions of this Subsection.

29                  (1) The amount of the fee shall be as ~~requested~~ provided by duly adopted  
30                  resolution of the board. The fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed

1 two hundred dollars per year for residential parcels, five hundred dollars per year for  
2 commercial parcels, and ninety dollars per year for parcels the owner of which  
3 qualifies for and receives a special assessment level of ad valorem taxes as provided  
4 in Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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6 (5)

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8 (b) The fee shall expire ~~five years after its initial levy~~ but at the time  
9 provided in the proposition authorizing the fee. The fee may be renewed if approved  
10 by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting on the proposition at an  
11 election as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. Any election to authorize  
12 the renewal of the fee shall be held only at the same time as a regularly scheduled  
13 election in the parish of East Baton Rouge. If the fee is renewed, the term of the  
14 imposition of the fee shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing such  
15 renewal, not to exceed ~~eight~~ ten years.

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17 Section 2. The terms of the members of the board of commissioners of the  
18 Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in office  
19 on the effective date of this Act shall terminate on the effective date of this Act; however,  
20 such members shall remain in office until the board members appointed as provided in this  
21 Act take office. The members of the board of commissioners of the Goodwood Homesites  
22 Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District shall be appointed and shall take  
23 office as provided in this Act and shall serve terms of office as provided in this Act.

24 Section 3. Notwithstanding R.S. 33:9097.20(F)(introductory paragraph) as enacted  
25 by this Act, the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge  
26 shall continue to impose and collect the parcel fee for the remainder of the period that it was  
27 authorized to do so by the voters on December 6, 2014. At no time shall a property owner  
28 in the Goodwood Homesites Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District be  
29 subject to an annual parcel fee, whether paid to the district or to the city-parish on behalf of

1 the district, that exceeds the rate limit established either by law or by a proposition  
2 authorizing the imposition of the fee within the district.

3 Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
7 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_