2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 341

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT: Provides relative to the parcel fee imposed within the Upper Audubon Security District in Orleans Parish

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(2) and (3)(a) and to repeal R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(5),
3	relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Upper Audubon Security
4	District, to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to remove
5	certain limitations on the district's authority to impose the fee; to provide for an
6	effective date; and to provide for related matters.
7	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8	as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9	Louisiana.
10	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
11	Section 1. R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(2) and (3)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to
12	read as follows:
13	§9091.12. Upper Audubon Security District
14	* * *
15	F. Parcel fee.
16	* * *
17	(2)(a) The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution
18	of the board. The fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land not to exceed seven
19	hundred dollars per year for each parcel.

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1	(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph,
2	owners who have been granted the Louisiana Special Assessment Level pursuant to
3	Article VII, Section 18(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana prior to January 1,
4	2022, shall be charged fifty percent of the parcel fee charged to other owners. Any
5	such owner shall submit to the board, no later than January 15, 2022, a copy of the
6	notification that is provided to him by the assessor's office that documents his
7	eligibility for the special assessment level.
8	(3)(a) The fee shall be imposed on each parcel located within the district
9	except as provided in Paragraph (5) of this Subsection.
10	* * *
11	Section 2. R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(5) is hereby repealed in its entirety.
12	Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2021; if vetoed by the governor
13	and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
14	2021, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to the parcel fee imposed within the Upper Audubon Security District, removes certain limitations on the district's authority to impose the fee.

<u>Present law</u> creates the Upper Audubon Security District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision to aid in crime prevention and reduction by providing additional security for district residents. Provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to impose a parcel fee on behalf of the district, subject to voter approval. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides for freezing the assessment level for ad valorem taxes on property with a homestead exemption for an owner whose income is below a certain level (\$100,000) and who meets one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Is 65 years of age or older.
- (2) Has a service-connected disability rating of 50% or more.

- (3) Is a member of the U.S. armed forces or the La. National Guard who owned and last occupied such property and was killed in action, or is missing in action or a prisoner of war for a period exceeding 90 days.
- (4) Is permanently totally disabled.

<u>Present law</u> provides that an owner who qualifies for the special assessment level is exempt from the parcel fee imposed pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> instead requires that an owner who qualifies for the special assessment prior to Jan. 1, 2022, be charged 50% of the amount charged to other owners. Requires the owner to submit to the board documentation from the assessor's office that proves his eligibility.

Effective July 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(2) and (3)(a); Repeals R.S. 33:9091.12(F)(5))