

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 153

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

DISTRICTS/NEIGHBORHOOD: Provides relative to the Twinbrook Security District in Orleans Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.9(D)(1), (3)(b), and (4), (E)(4), and (F)(1) and (3)(c),  
3 relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Twinbrook Security District; to  
4 provide relative to the district's governing board; to provide relative to board  
5 appointments; to provide relative the parcel fee levied within the district; to provide  
6 relative to the expiration of the fee; 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. 33:9091.9(D)(1), (3)(b), and (4), (E)(4), and (F)(1) and (3)(c) are  
12 hereby amended to read as follows:

13 §9091.9. Twinbrook Security District

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15 D. Governance. (1) In order to provide for the orderly development of the  
16 district and effectuation of the services to be furnished by the district and to provide  
17 for the representation in the affairs of the district of those persons and interests  
18 immediately concerned with and affected by security in the area, the district shall be  
19 managed by a nine-member board of commissioners, referred to in this Section as  
20 the "board". The board shall be composed as follows:

1 (a) The president of the ~~Baronne Street Neighborhood Association, Inc.~~  
2 Twinbrook Neighborhood Association, Inc., referred to in this Section as the  
3 "association".

4 (b) The board of directors of the ~~Baronne Street Neighborhood Association,~~  
5 ~~Inc.~~ association shall appoint four members.

6 (c) The mayor of the city of New Orleans shall appoint one member to the  
7 board from a list of nominations submitted by the ~~Baronne Street Neighborhood~~  
8 ~~Association, Inc.~~ association.

9 (d) The member of the Louisiana House of Representatives whose district  
10 encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one  
11 member from a list of nominations submitted by the ~~Baronne Street Neighborhood~~  
12 ~~Association, Inc.~~ association.

13 (e) The member of the Louisiana Senate whose district encompasses all or  
14 the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one member from a list of  
15 nominations submitted by the ~~Baronne Street Neighborhood Association, Inc.~~  
16 association.

17 (f) The member of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans whose  
18 council district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall  
19 appoint one member from a list of nominations submitted by the ~~Baronne Street~~  
20 ~~Neighborhood Association, Inc.~~ association.

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22 (3)

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24 (b) The member serving pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(a) of this Subsection  
25 shall serve during his term of office as president of the ~~Baronne Street Neighborhood~~  
26 ~~Association, Inc.~~ association.

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28 (4) The board shall elect from its members a ~~chairman, a vice chairman,~~  
29 president, a vice president, a secretary-treasurer, and such other officers as it may

1       deem necessary. The duties of the officers shall be fixed by the bylaws adopted by  
2       the board.

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4               E. Powers and duties. The district, acting through its board of  
5       commissioners, shall have the following powers and duties:

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7               (4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities private or public for  
8       the provision of security patrols in the district. The district, through the board, may  
9       contract with the New Orleans Police Department or with a private security company  
10      ~~which has been certified by the superintendent of the New Orleans Police~~  
11      ~~Department~~ for the provision of security ~~patrols~~ in the district.

12                              \*       \*       \*

13              F. Parcel fee. The governing authority of the city of New Orleans is hereby  
14      authorized to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in  
15      accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

16              (1) The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution  
17      of the board of the district. The fee shall be a flat fee per improved parcel of land not  
18      to exceed five hundred seventy-five dollars per year for each improved parcel for  
19      calendar year 2023; however, the maximum fee amount may be increased by  
20      twenty-five dollars per year for each calendar year after 2023.

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22              (3)

23                              \*       \*       \*

24              (c) ~~If approved, the fee shall expire on December 31, 2022~~ The fee shall  
25      expire at the end of the term provided for in the proposition authorizing the fee, not  
26      to exceed eight years, but the fee may be renewed if approved by a majority of the  
27      registered voters of the district voting on the proposition at an election as provided  
28      in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. Any election to authorize renewal of the fee  
29      shall be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New

1 Orleans. If the fee is renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be as  
2 provided in the proposition authorizing such renewal, not to exceed eight years.

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4 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall not affect the parcel fee being imposed  
5 pursuant to R.S. 33:9091.9 on the effective date of this Act. The governing authority of the  
6 city of New Orleans shall continue to impose the parcel fee until such time as it expires, as  
7 provided in the proposition approved by a majority of the district's registered voters voting  
8 on the proposition at an election held on November 16, 2013. The governing authority of  
9 the city shall then begin to impose a parcel fee as provided in this Act if the parcel fee has  
10 been approved by a majority of district's registered voters as provided in this Act.

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

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#### DIGEST

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HB 153 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Relative to the Twinbrook Security District, authorizes the district's governing board to increase the maximum parcel fee and changes the expiration date of the fee.

Present law creates the Twinbrook Security District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the primary object and purpose of promoting and encouraging security in the area included within the district. Provides for the district's boundaries, governance, and powers and duties.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to levy a parcel fee on behalf of the district. Provides that the fee is a flat fee per improved parcel of land not to exceed \$575 per year for each improved parcel.

Proposed law keeps the maximum fee amount at \$575 for calendar year 2023, but authorizes the district's board to increase the maximum fee amount by \$25 per year for each calendar year after 2023.

Present law provides that the fee shall expire on Dec. 31, 2022.

Proposed law instead provides that the fee shall expire at the end of the term provided for in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed eight years.

Present law authorizes renewal of the fee for a term not to exceed eight years. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not affect the parcel fee being imposed within the district on the effective date of proposed law. Requires the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to continue to impose the parcel fee until it expires, as provided in the proposition approved by a majority of the district's registered voters voting on the proposition at an election held on Nov. 16, 2013. Further requires the governing authority of the city to begin to impose a parcel fee as provided in proposed law, if approved by a majority of the district's registered voters as provided in proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:9091.9(D)(1), (3)(b), and (4), (E)(4), and (F)(1) and (3)(c))