

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 128

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

PROPERTY/SUBSTANDARD: Provides relative to nuisance ordinances regarding grass cutting in West Baton Rouge Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:1236.26(A), relative to the governing authority of West Baton
3 Rouge Parish; to provide for nuisance ordinances regarding grass and obnoxious
4 weeds; and to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:1236.26(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1236.26. Powers of the governing authorities of Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Charles
11 Parish, St. John the Baptist Parish, ~~and~~ St. Landry Parish, and West Baton
12 Rouge Parish; nuisance ordinance regarding grass and obnoxious weeds;
13 notice required

14 A. The governing authorities of the parishes of Pointe Coupee, St. Charles,
15 St. John the Baptist, ~~and~~ St. Landry, and West Baton Rouge may amend ordinances
16 to compel property owners to cut grass and obnoxious weeds on their property
17 without the notice required in R.S. 33:1236(21)(a)(i) if the property owner liable has
18 been notified pursuant to that Item at any time during the immediately preceding
19 twelve months and has failed to do the work himself after an opportunity to do so.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes W. Baton Rouge Parish to take certain actions regarding maintenance of private property.

Present law authorizes parish governing authorities to require property owners to cut grass on their property. If a property owner does not comply with such a requirement, present law requires a parish to request that a property owner cut grass on his property by sending a registered or certified letter. Authorizes a parish to have such work done and charge the property owner for the work if the property owner does not cut the grass within 15 days after receipt of the letter.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes specified parishes to proceed with having grass cutting work done and charging the property owner for one year after a single registered or certified letter requesting that the property owner cut his grass. Requires such parishes to file an affidavit that includes:

- (1) A description of the property.
- (2) A photograph of the property identifying the unsafe conditions.
- (3) A statement that the property owner liable has within the past 12 months failed to do such work after notification and an opportunity to do so.

Proposed law adds W. Baton Rouge Parish to parishes authorized to cut grass and charge the property owner for a year after a single request and filing the required affidavit.

(Amends R.S. 33:1236.26(A))