## **DIGEST**

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HB 555 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to contracts for the collection and disposal of garbage and trash in parishes and municipalities.

<u>Present law</u> grants parish and municipal governing authorities certain powers with respect to the collection and disposal of garbage and trash including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To engage in the collection and disposal of garbage and trash within its jurisdiction to the exclusion of other garbage and trash collectors.
- (2) To grant permits, licenses, exclusive or nonexclusive franchises, or any combination thereof to garbage and trash collectors and disposers.
- (3) To assess a service charge against any person provided any service pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and additionally authorizes parish and municipal governing authorities to grant exclusive contracts. <u>Proposed law</u> defines "exclusive contract" to mean a written agreement for the collection and disposal of garbage and trash throughout the entirety of the territorial jurisdiction of the respective parish or municipality.

(Amends R.S. 33:4169.1(A))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and</u> Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

- 1. Add provisions to provide for the definition of "exclusive franchise".
- 2. Remove provisions of <u>proposed law</u> that require parishes and municipalities in which residents are not allowed to select their own garbage collection service to follow the public bid law when awarding garbage collection contracts.

## The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove provisions of proposed law that provide for the definition of "exclusive

franchise".

2. Add provisions that authorize parish and municipal governing authorities to grant exclusive contracts.