

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 777 (SB 89)

2024 Regular Session

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New law creates the Delmont Neighborhood Crime Prevention District in East Baton Rouge Parish (parish) as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention and security of district residents.

New law provides for the governance of the district by a seven-member board of commissioners comprised as follows:

- (1) The president of the Delmont Neighborhood Homeowners Assoc. (association) shall be an ex officio member.
- (2) One member appointed by the board of directors of the association
- (3) One member appointed by the member(s) of the La. House of Representatives who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (4) One member appointed by the member(s) of the La. Senate who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (5) One member appointed by the parish assessor.
- (6) One member appointed by the mayor-president.
- (7) One member appointed by the member(s) of the metropolitan council who represent the district.

New law requires board members to own property within the district and provides for terms.

New law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- (3) To receive and expend funds.
- (4) To enter into contracts for the provision of security patrols or other programs in the district.

New law authorizes the district, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee on each improved parcel within the district. Provides that the amount of the fee shall not exceed \$150 per parcel per year. Further provides that the owner of the parcel shall be responsible for payment of the fee. New law defines the term "parcel" to mean a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, or an individual tract.

New law requires that any election for the imposition of the fee be held at a regularly scheduled primary or general election. Provides that the fee shall expire four years from its initial levy but may be renewed, subject to voter approval, for a term not to exceed 10 years.

New law requires that the fee be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes are collected by the sheriff of the parish. Provides that any unpaid parcel fee be enforced with the same authority and subject to the same penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes. Requires the sheriff to remit to the district all amounts collected not more than 60 days after collection and authorizes the sheriff to retain a commission fee.

New law requires the board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with existing law (R.S. 39:1301 et seq.). Further requires that the district approve the budget. Provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant to existing law (R.S. 24:513).

New law provides that the purpose and intent of new law, specifically the additional law enforcement personnel and their services, shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of

personnel and services provided in the district by the city of Baton Rouge/parish of East Baton Rouge. Additionally provides that if the district ceases to exist, any funds of the district shall be transmitted to the governing authority of the parish and shall be used for law enforcement purposes in the district.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:9097.40)