

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 139

BY REPRESENTATIVE SAWYER

DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT: Creates the Parkview Oaks Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:9097.44, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to create the Parkview Oaks  
3 Crime Prevention and Improvement District; to provide relative to the boundaries,  
4 purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district  
5 funding; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:9097.44 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §9097.44. Parkview Oaks Crime Prevention and Improvement District

12 A. There is hereby created within the parish of East Baton Rouge, as more  
13 specifically provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and corporate  
14 which shall be known as the Parkview Oaks Crime Prevention and Improvement  
15 District, referred to in this Section as the "district". The district shall be a political  
16 subdivision of the state as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.

17 B. The district shall include all property shown on the final subdivision plats  
18 for Parkview Oaks lots A & B and lots 1 thru 89 and lots 91 thru 121, Parkview Oaks  
19 East lots 1 thru 64 and lots 70 thru 77 and Parkview Oaks South lots 1 thru 247 and

1 Sherwood Oaks lots 1 thru 231 final filings filed with the East Baton Rouge Parish

2 Clerk of Court lots as follows:

3 For Parkview Oaks subdivision: Beginning near the intersection of

4 Parkmount Boulevard and Sherwood Forest Boulevard at the southwest corner of Lot

5 B proceed north along the western boundary lines to the northwest corner of lot A.

6 From the northwest corner of lot A proceed east along the northern boundary lines

7 to the northeast corner of lot A. From the northeast corner of lot A proceed north

8 along the western boundary line to the northwest corner of lot 52. From the

9 northwest corner of lot 52 proceed east along the north boundary line to the northeast

10 corner of lot 63. From the northeast corner of lot 63 proceed south along the eastern

11 boundary line to the northwest corner of lot 12. From the northwest corner of lot 12

12 proceed east along the northern boundary lines to the northeast corner of lot 113.

13 From the northeast corner of lot 113 proceed south along the eastern boundary lines

14 to the southeast corner of lot 121. From the southeast corner of lot 121 proceed west

15 to the southwest corner of lot 104. From the southwest corner of lot 104 proceed

16 south to the southeast corner of lot 89. From the southeast corner of lot 89 proceed

17 west along the southern boundary line to the southwest corner of lot 76. From the

18 southwest corner of lot 76 proceed north along the west boundary line to the

19 southeast corner of lot B. From the southeast corner of lot B proceed west along the

20 southern boundary line to the southwest corner of lot B.

21 For Parkview Oaks East subdivision: Beginning at the northwest corner of

22 lot 16 proceed east along the north boundary line to the northeast corner of lot 21.

23 From the northeast corner of lot 21 proceed south along the eastern boundary line to

24 the southeast corner of lot 65. From the southeast corner of lot 65 proceed west

25 along the southern boundary line to the southwest corner of lot 65. From the

26 southwest corner of lot 65 proceed north to the northwest corner of lot 65. From the

27 northwest corner of lot 65 proceed west to the northeast corner of lot 73. From the

28 northeast corner of lot 73 proceed south to the southeast corner of lot 70. From the

29 southeast corner of lot 70 proceed west along the southern boundary line to the

1 southwest corner of lot 70. From the southwest corner of lot 70 proceed north along  
2 the western boundary line to the northwest corner of lot 72. From the northwest  
3 corner of lot 72 proceed west along the southern boundary line to the southwest  
4 corner of lot 77. From the southwest corner of lot 77 proceed north along the  
5 western boundary lines to the northwest corner of lot 16.

6 For Parkview Oaks South subdivision: From the northwest corner of lot 94  
7 proceed east to the northeast corner of lot 183 along the northern boundary lines.  
8 From the northeast corner of lot 183 proceed south along the east boundary lines to  
9 the southeast mid point of lot 18. From the southeast midpoint of lot 18 proceed  
10 west along the southern boundary line to the southwest corner of lot 17. From the  
11 southwest corner of lot 17 proceed south along the east boundary line to the  
12 southeast corner of lot 241. From the southeast corner of lot 241 proceed west along  
13 the southern boundary line to the southwest corner of lot 247. From the southwest  
14 corner of lot 247 proceed north along the western boundary line to the northwest  
15 corner of lot 233. From the northwest corner of lot 233 proceed west along the  
16 southern boundary lines to the southwest corner of lot 228. From the southwest  
17 corner of lot 228 proceed north along the western boundary lines to the northwest  
18 corner of lot 221. From the northwest corner of lot 221 proceed east to the northeast  
19 corner of lot 213. From the northeast corner of lot 213 proceed north along the  
20 western boundary lines to the southeast corner of lot 108A. From the southeast  
21 corner of lot 108A proceed west to the southwest corner of lot 126A. From the  
22 southwest corner of lot 126A proceed north along the west boundary lines to the  
23 northwest corner of lot 94.

24 For Sherwood Oaks subdivision: Beginning at the southwest corner of lot 1  
25 proceed east along the southern boundary of Sherwood Oaks subdivision to the  
26 southeast corner of lot 64. From the southeast corner of lot 64 proceed north along  
27 the eastern boundary of Sherwood Oaks subdivision to the southeast corner of lot 73.  
28 From the southeast corner of lot 73 proceed east along the southern boundary of  
29 Sherwood Oaks subdivision to the southeast corner of lot 78. From the southeast

1 corner of lot 78 proceed north along the eastern boundaries of Sherwood Oaks  
2 subdivision to the northeast corner of lot 91. From the northeast corner of lot 91  
3 proceed west along the northern boundary of Sherwood Oaks subdivision to the  
4 northwest corner of lot 210. From the northwest corner of lot 210 proceed south  
5 along the western boundary of Sherwood Oaks subdivision to the southwest corner  
6 of lot 1 starting point of the Sherwood Oaks subdivision.

7 C. The purpose of the district shall be to aid in crime prevention, to enhance  
8 security within the district, to provide for an increase in security patrols in the  
9 district, and to provide for the overall betterment of the district.

10 D.(1) The district shall be governed by a seven-member board of  
11 commissioners, referred to in this Section as the "board". The board shall be  
12 composed as follows:

13 (a) The board of directors of the Parkview Oaks Civic Association, referred  
14 to in this Section as the "association", shall appoint four members.

15 (b) The member of the Louisiana House of Representatives whose district  
16 encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one  
17 member.

18 (c) The member of the Louisiana Senate whose district encompasses all or  
19 the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one member.

20 (d) The member of the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish  
21 whose council district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the  
22 district shall appoint one member from a list of nominations submitted by the  
23 association.

24 (2) All members of the board shall own property and reside within the  
25 district and shall be qualified voters of the district.

26 (3)(a) Members shall serve four-year terms after the initial terms as provided  
27 in this Subparagraph. Two members shall serve an initial term of one year; two shall  
28 serve two years; two shall serve three years, and one shall serve four years, as  
29 determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

1           (b) Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

2           (4) Any vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled in the manner  
3           of the original appointment. If the appointing authority responsible for the  
4           appointment of a member fails to fill a vacancy within thirty days, the remaining  
5           members of the board may appoint an interim successor to serve until the position  
6           is filled by the appointing authority.

7           (5) The board shall elect from its members a chairman, a vice chairman, a  
8           secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as it deems necessary. The duties of  
9           the officers shall be fixed by the bylaws adopted by the board.

10          (6) The members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be  
11          reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the governance  
12          of the district.

13          (7) The board shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall make them  
14          available through the secretary of the board. The minute books and archives of the  
15          district shall be maintained by the secretary of the board. The monies, funds, and  
16          accounts of the district shall be in the official custody of the board.

17          (8) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary  
18          or advisable for conducting its business affairs. The board shall hold regular  
19          meetings as shall be provided for in the bylaws and may hold special meetings at  
20          such times and places within East Baton Rouge Parish as may be prescribed in the  
21          bylaws.

22          (9) A majority of the membership of the board shall constitute a quorum for  
23          the transaction of business, and all official action of the board shall require the  
24          favorable vote of a majority of those members present and voting. All members of  
25          the board shall be voting members.

26          (10) The domicile of the board shall be in East Baton Rouge Parish.

27          E. The district, acting through its board, shall have the following powers and  
28          duties:

29                 (1) To sue and be sued.

1           (2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.

2           (3) To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to Subsections F and G  
3 of this Section and in accordance with a budget adopted as provided by Subsection  
4 H of this Section.

5           (4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public.

6           (5) To provide or enhance security patrols in the district, to provide for  
7 improved lighting, signage, or matters relating to the security of the district, to  
8 provide for the beautification of and improvement to the district, and to provide  
9 generally for the overall betterment of the district.

10           (6) To enter into contracts and agreements with one or more other districts  
11 for the joint security, improvement, or betterment of all participating districts.

12           (7) To provide for such services and make such expenditures as the board  
13 deems proper to carry out the purposes of the district.

14           (8) To acquire or lease items and supplies which the board deems proper to  
15 carry out the purposes of the district.

16           (9) To procure and maintain liability insurance against any personal or legal  
17 liability of a board member that may be asserted or incurred based upon service as  
18 a member of the board or that may arise as a result of actions taken within the scope  
19 and discharge of duties as a member of the board.

20           (10) To perform or have performed any other function or activity necessary  
21 or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the district or for the overall betterment  
22 of the district.

23           F.(1) The governing authority of the district may impose and collect a parcel  
24 fee within the district subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this  
25 Subsection.

26           (2)(a) The fee shall be imposed on each improved and unimproved parcel  
27 located within the district.

28           (b) For purposes of this Section, a parcel shall be defined as a lot, a  
29 subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a "condominium parcel" as

1 defined in R.S. 9:1121.103. The owner of the parcel shall be responsible for payment  
2 of the fee.

3 (3) The amount of the fee shall be as provided in a duly adopted resolution  
4 of the board. The fee shall be a flat fee per parcel not to exceed two hundred fifty  
5 dollars per year for each parcel; however, the initial fee for the first calendar year  
6 shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars per parcel.

7 (4) The owner of each parcel shall be responsible for payment of the fee.

8 (5)(a) The fee shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has  
9 been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting on the  
10 proposition at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana  
11 Election Code. During the term of the fee, the board may increase the fee one time  
12 during each subsequent calendar year, without election, not to exceed ten percent of  
13 the amount of the fee imposed during the previous calendar year; however, the  
14 amount of the fee shall not exceed the maximum amount authorized in Paragraph(3)  
15 of this Subsection. No other election shall be required except as provided in this  
16 Paragraph.

17 (b) The fee shall expire at the time provided in the proposition authorizing  
18 the fee, not to exceed ten years, but the fee may be renewed if approved by a  
19 majority of the registered voters of the district voting on the proposition at an  
20 election as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. If the fee is renewed, the  
21 term of the imposition of the fee shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing  
22 the renewal, not to exceed ten years.

23 (6) The fee shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad  
24 valorem taxes are collected for East Baton Rouge Parish. The tax collector shall  
25 collect and remit to the district all amounts collected not more than sixty days after  
26 collection; however, the district may enter into an agreement with the tax collector  
27 to authorize retention of an annual collection fee, not to exceed one percent of the  
28 amount collected.

1           (7) Any parcel fee which is unpaid shall be added to the tax rolls of East  
2           Baton Rouge Parish and shall be enforced with the same authority and subject to the  
3           same penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

4           G. The district may solicit, accept, and expend additional voluntary  
5           contributions and grants to carry out the purposes of the district.

6           H.(1) The board shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with the  
7           Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

8           (2) The district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant  
9           to R.S. 24:513.

10           I.(1) It is the purpose and intent of this Section that any additional law  
11           enforcement personnel and services provided for through the fees authorized in this  
12           Section shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, personnel and services to be  
13           provided in the district by publicly funded law enforcement agencies.

14           (2) If the district ceases to exist, any funds, equipment, and property of the  
15           district shall be transmitted to the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge,  
16           parish of East Baton Rouge and shall be used only within the district for the purposes  
17           set forth in this Section.

18           J.(1) The district shall indemnify its officers and board members to the  
19           fullest extent permitted by R.S. 12:227, as fully as if the district were a nonprofit  
20           corporation governed thereby, and as may be provided in the district's bylaws.

21           (2) No board member or officer of the district shall be liable to the district  
22           or to any individual who resides, owns property, visits, or otherwise conducts  
23           business in the district for monetary damages, for breach of his duties as a board  
24           member or officer, provided that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the  
25           liability of a board member or officer for any of the following:

26           (a) Acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional  
27           misconduct or a knowing violation of law.

28           (b) Any transaction from which he or she derived an improper personal  
29           benefit.

1           (3) To the fullest extent permitted by R.S. 9:2792 et seq., including R.S.  
 2           9:2792.1 through 2792.9, a person serving the district as a board member or officer  
 3           shall not be individually liable for any act or omission arising out of the performance  
 4           of his duties.

5           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 6 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 7 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 8 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 9 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 139 Reengrossed

2026 Regular Session

Sawyer

**Abstract:** Creates the Parkview Oaks Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Proposed law creates the Parkview Oaks Crime Prevention and Improvement District as a political subdivision in East Baton Rouge Parish to aid in crime prevention, to enhance security within the district, to provide for an increase in security patrols in the district, and to provide for the overall betterment of the district. Provides for the boundaries of the district.

Proposed law provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

- (1) Four members appointed by the board of directors of the Parkview Oaks Civic Association (association).
- (2) One member appointed by the member of the La. House of Representatives whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
- (3) One member appointed by the member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
- (4) One member appointed by the member of the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish whose council district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district from a list of nominations submitted by the association.

Proposed law provides that members serve four-year staggered terms.

Proposed 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 collected pursuant to an authorized parcel fee and in accordance with an adopted budget.
- (4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public.
- (5) To provide or enhance security patrols in the district, to provide for improved lighting, signage, or matters relating to the security of the district, to provide for the beautification of and improvement to the district, and to provide generally for the overall betterment of the district.
- (6) To enter into contracts and agreements with one or more other districts for the joint security, improvement, or betterment of all participating districts.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of the district, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the parcel fee shall be a flat fee per parcel not to exceed \$250 per year for each parcel; however, the initial fee for the first calendar year shall not exceed \$150 per parcel.

Proposed law provides that the fee expires at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed 10 years. Authorizes renewal of the fee, subject to voter approval, for a term as provided in the proposition authorizing the renewal, not to exceed 10 years.

Proposed law requires that the fee be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes. Authorizes the district to enter into an agreement with the tax collector to authorize retention of an annual collection fee, not to exceed 1% of the amount collected.

Proposed law requires the district's board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with present law (R.S. 39:1301 et seq.) and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law provides that it is the purpose and intent of proposed law that any additional law enforcement personnel and services provided for through the fees authorized by proposed law shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, personnel and services provided in the district by publicly funded law enforcement agencies. Further provides that if the district ceases to exist, funds, equipment, and property of the district shall be transmitted to the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge to be used only for purposes of the district.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:9097.44)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the author of the bill from Representative McMakin to Representative Sawyer.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make changes to the boundaries of the district.
2. Change the definition of parcel.