

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Bacala

New law authorizes certain government officials to issue a proclamation that establishes one or more temporary protection zones within the territorial jurisdiction of the political subdivision when necessary to ensure public safety.

New law provides for areas that may be included within the temporary protection zone.

New law requires any proclamation that establishes a temporary protection zone to be in writing, provides for the information to be contained in the proclamation, and provides for public notice and filing procedures.

New law provides for the duration of the temporary protection zone and for the establishment of a new temporary protection zone upon the expiration of a previously established protection zone, if warranted.

New law provides penalties for any person who, after being advised of the establishment of a temporary protection zone, violates any provision of the proclamation that established the zone or any lawful directive given by a law enforcement officer relating to the enforcement of the zone. Further provides for penalties as follows:

- (1) If the violation involves the wrongful use of public property, a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for a maximum of six months, or both.
- (2) If the violation involves serious bodily injury or property damage in excess of \$5,000, imprisonment at hard labor for a maximum of five years.
- (3) If the violation involves the death of any person, imprisonment at hard labor for a maximum of 21 years.

New law does not grant a parish president, mayor, sheriff, chief of police, or chief executive officer of a political subdivision the authority to act in a manner inconsistent with existing law (R.S. 40:1796).

Effective upon signature of governor (May 15, 2026).

(Adds R.S. 14:329.9)