

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERTHELOT

FUNDS/FUNDING: Changes distribution of the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.21(B), relative to the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise
3 Fund; to provide for distribution of monies in the fund; to provide for an effective
4 date; 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. 47:302.21(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §302.21. Disposition of certain collections in Ascension Parish

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12 B. The monies in the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund shall be
13 ~~available exclusively for use by the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish~~
14 ~~and shall be~~ used solely for promoting tourism and related purposes in Ascension
15 Parish. The monies in the fund shall be subject to an annual appropriation by the
16 legislature. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund shall remain in
17 the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same
18 manner as the monies in the state general fund, and all interest earned shall be
19 deposited into the state general fund. Monies appropriated out of the fund shall be
20 distributed to and used by the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish and the

1 governing authorities of each of the incorporated municipalities within Ascension

2 Parish as follows:

3 (1) For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, of the monies deposited into the fund:

4 (a) Seventy-five thousand dollars shall be allocated to the city of

5 Donaldsonville.

6 (b) Seventy-five thousand dollars shall be allocated to the city of Gonzales.

7 (c) Five thousand dollars shall be allocated to the town of Sorrento.

8 (d) The remainder of the monies deposited into the fund shall be allocated
9 to the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish.

10 (2) For Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and each fiscal year thereafter, monies
11 deposited into the fund shall be allocated as follows:

12 (a) Twelve percent to the city of Donaldsonville.

13 (b) Twelve percent to the city of Gonzales.

14 (c) One percent to the town of Sorrento.

15 (d) Seventy-five percent to the parish governing authority of Ascension
16 Parish.

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013; if vetoed by the governor
18 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
19 2013, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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HB No. 130

Abstract: Provides for the distribution of the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund.

Present law establishes the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund as a special treasury fund. The avails of the state sales tax on hotel rooms in Ascension Parish is deposited into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used solely for promoting tourism and related purposes in Ascension Parish.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the monies shall be available exclusively for use by the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish.

Proposed law provides that for FY 2013-2014, monies in the fund shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$75,000 to the city of Donaldsonville.
- (2) \$75,000 to the city of Gonzales.
- (3) \$5,000 to the town of Sorrento.
- (4) The remainder to the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish.

Proposed law provides that for FY 2014-2015, and each year thereafter, monies in the fund shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) 12% to the city of Donaldsonville.
- (2) 12% to the city of Gonzales.
- (3) 1% to the town of Sorrento.
- (4) 75% to the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 47:302.21(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

1. Changed allocations of monies deposited into the fund.