

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 239 By Senator Ward

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

FIRE PROTECTION. Provides for the West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Technical amendments

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

Present law authorizes the West Baton Rouge Parish Police Jury to create the West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 governed by a board of commissioners and provide for its jurisdiction and operations.

Proposed law abolishes the board of commissioners and provides that the West Baton Rouge Parish Council is the governing authority of the District.

Present law creates and provides for West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 and grants certain authority to the West Baton Rouge Police Jury to create and provide for the district. Proposed law replaces the police jury with the West Baton Rouge Parish Council.

Present law mandates the district to include two or more fire protection subdistricts. Proposed law grants the district the option of including two or more fire protection subdistricts.

Present law provides for the creation of subdistricts by ordinance and the adoption by ordinance of the method or formula for allocation of the district's revenue to subdistricts. Proposed law repeals these provisions.

Present law provides that the district be governed by a board of commissioners of six persons, one each appointed by the governing body of each subdistrict. Provides that each subdistrict representative on the board shall be a resident of the subdistrict and may be a member of the governing body of the subdistrict. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires the governing board of the district to prepare a budget, deposit funds in a separate account, allocate funds between subdistricts, submit annual audit reports, and adopt certain procedures for requests for supplemental funding. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the board to incur debt, to contract, to sue and be sued, to accept grants and donations, and under certain circumstances, to levy special taxes or service fees. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for governance of subdistricts by a municipality or the police jury and provides for their powers and duties in such capacity. Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides relative to outstanding liabilities, should any area be transferred from one subdistrict to another, whether through annexation or otherwise.

Proposed law mandates the West Baton Rouge Parish Council to enact an ordinance relative to the district on or before July 1, 2014.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:1503 (A), (B), (E)(1), and (F); repeals R.S. 40:1503 (G) through (L))

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