Existing law (Ch. 29 of Title 33 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950) contains various provisions establishing security and neighborhood improvement districts for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention and adding to the security of district residents by providing for an increased presence of law enforcement personnel in the district or otherwise promoting and encouraging security in the district. Authorizes the imposition and renewal of a parcel fee within such a district subject to the approval of voters within the district. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision of law, an election to renew a parcel fee imposed within any crime prevention and security district or neighborhood improvement district created pursuant to existing law may be held at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Existing law (R.S. 18:402–La. Election Code) provides exclusive dates for bond, tax, and other elections at which a proposition or question is submitted to voters. Provides that one date that such elections may be held is the fifth Sat. after the first Tues. after the first Mon. in Nov. of even-numbered years.

New law limits the use of election dates in existing law in certain parishes for certain elections. Provides that the fifth Sat. after the first Tues. after the first Mon. in Nov. shall not be applicable in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more for an election relative to a parcel fee imposed within a security or neighborhood improvement district. Defines "security or neighborhood improvement district" as a special district, the primary purpose of which includes aiding in crime prevention and adding to the security of district residents by providing for an increased presence of law enforcement personnel in the district or otherwise promoting and encouraging security in the district.

Existing law provides procedures and requirements for establishing neighborhood crime prevention and security districts and the levying of parcel fees without legislative action. Authorizes a local governing authority to provide for a petition seeking an election on the question of creation of the district and the levy of the fee. Provides that the district shall be created and the fee levied if the petition is signed by 30% of the electors of the proposed district and the district and the fee are approved by the voters voting at an election.

Existing law provides that such election shall only occur in a congressional general election or gubernatorial primary election. New law further limits the use of election dates in certain parishes. Provides that in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more, such election shall only occur in a gubernatorial primary election.

Existing law provides that the parcel fee shall expire 10 years from its initial levy as provided for in the ballot proposition approved by the voters, but may be renewed for an additional 10 years only after the question of its imposition has been approved by the voters of the district prior to the expiration of the fee.

Existing law provides that such an election shall be held at the same time as a congressional general election or a gubernatorial primary election. New law further limits the use of election dates in certain parishes. Provides that in a parish containing a municipality with a population of 300,000 or more, such election shall only occur in a gubernatorial primary election.

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(Amends R.S. 18:402(F)(2) and 1300.33(A) and R.S. 33:9100.21(B)(1) and (F)(2)(d))