

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 455

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT: Provides relative to the Wedgewood Civic Association District in East Baton Rouge Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9097.3(A), (C), and (G)(1), relative to the Wedgewood Civic
3 Association District in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the name and
4 purpose of the district; to provide relative to the budget approval process for the
5 district; 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. 33:9097.3(A), (C), and (G)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to
11 read as follows:

12 §9097.3. ~~Wedgewood Civic Association~~ Crime Prevention and Improvement
13 District

14 A. Creation. There is hereby created within the parish of East Baton Rouge,
15 as more specifically provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and
16 corporate which shall be known as the Wedgewood ~~Civic Association~~ Crime
17 Prevention and Improvement District, hereinafter referred to as the "district". The
18 district shall be a political subdivision of the state as defined in the Constitution of
19 Louisiana.

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1 C. Purpose. The purpose of the district shall be to aid in crime prevention
2 and to add to the security of district residents by providing for an increase in the
3 presence of law enforcement personnel in , to enhance security within the district,
4 to provide for an increase in security patrols in the district, to beautify and improve
5 the common areas within the district, and to provide for the overall betterment of the
6 district.

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8 G. Budget. (1) The board of commissioners shall adopt an annual budget
9 in accordance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et
10 seq. The budget and all amendments shall be ~~subject to the approval of~~ submitted
11 to the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the name, purpose, boundaries, and budget approval process of the Wedgewood Civic Association District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Present law creates the Wedgewood Civic Association District in East Baton Rouge Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention and adding to the security of district residents by providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district. Provides for district boundaries coterminous with Wedgewood Subdivision.

Proposed law changes the name of the district to the Wedgewood Crime Prevention and Improvement District. Proposed law adds beautification and improvement of the common areas within the district as purposes of the district. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires the board of commissioners to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the La. Local Government Budget Act and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor. Provides that the budget and all amendments shall be subject to the approval of the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council.

Proposed law retains present law except requires that the board submit the budget and all amendments to the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council; removes the requirement for approval of the budget by the council.

(Amends R.S. 33:9097.3(A), (C), and (G)(1))