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Creates the Forest Heights Park Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish

Purpose of Bill: This measure creates the Forest Heights Park Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish for the purpose of aiding in crime prevention by providing for an increase in police presence in the district and for funding beautification and improvements for the overall betterment of the district. The district will be governed by a seven member board of commissioners who will serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses directly related to the governance of the district, not to exceed $100 per year. The measure authorizes the district to impose and collect a parcel fee on each improved and unimproved parcel located within the district, only if approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting on the proposition at an election held for that purpose.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$25,700	$22,200	$22,200	$22,200	$22,200	**$114,500**
Annual Total	**$25,700**	**$22,200**	**$22,200**	**$22,200**	**$22,200**	**$114,500**

REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$22,200	$22,200	$22,200	$22,200	$22,200	**$111,000**
Annual Total	**$22,200**	**$22,200**	**$22,200**	**$22,200**	**$22,200**	**$111,000**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local government expenditures may increase by $22,200 annually as a result of this measure.

According to an official with the Forest Heights Park Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District, they anticipate spending the funds on security patrols, cameras, and beautification of the neighborhood.

The district will also be responsible for its share of the cost to hold the election. Information obtained from the Secretary of State's Office indicated the cost, for a single precinct, to hold an election on this matter could range from a high of $3,500 (if the election is held alone) to a low of $60 (if the election is held at the same time as a statewide election). The cost would increase as additional precincts are added. The expenditure figure for FY 2015-16 includes the maximum election cost of $3,500 for a single precinct since the voters in this district will have to vote on the measure in order to initially impose the fee.

The district may enter into an agreement with the sheriff to authorize the sheriff to retain a collection fee.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Local government revenue may increase by $22,200 annually as a result of this measure.

This measure allows for an initial parcel fee that shall not exceed $120 per parcel per year. Not less than 5 years after initial approval of the fee, the governing authority of the district may increase the fee one time without election. The amount of the increase may not exceed $250 per parcel per year. The parcel fee shall expire 10 years after its initial levy but may be renewed if the renewal is approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting on the proposition at an election held for that purpose. The renewed fee shall not exceed $250 per parcel per year and shall be authorized for no more than 10 years.

According to an official with the Forest Heights Park Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Improvement District, there are 185 parcels of property contained in the boundaries of the district.

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☐ 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

☐ 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

☐ 6.8(F)(2) >= $500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}

☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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