

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

HB 216

2022 Regular Session

Adams

Proposed law would have created the Myrtle Hill Crime Prevention and Improvement District in East Baton Rouge Parish to aid in crime prevention and to provide funding for the beautification and improvement of the district. Would have provided for district boundaries.

Proposed law would have provided that the district was to be governed by a seven-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

- (1) The president of the Myrtle Hill Homeowners Assoc., Inc. (association).
- (2) Two members appointed by the board of directors of the association.
- (3) One member appointed by the member(s) of the La. House of Representatives who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (4) One member appointed by the member(s) of the La. Senate who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (5) One member appointed by the member(s) of the governing authority of city of Baton Rouge/parish of East Baton Rouge who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (6) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of Zachary.

Would have required that members be registered voters within the district. Would have provided that members serve three-year staggered terms without compensation.

Proposed law would have established the powers and duties of the district.

Proposed law would have authorized the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district, not to exceed \$250 per year, subject to voter approval. Would have required that the amount of the fee be provided by duly adopted resolution of the board and the fee only be imposed on lots containing single-family dwellings.

Proposed law would have provided that the fee expired 10 years from its initial levy, but could be renewed in the same manner as its imposition. Would have required that the fee be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes, and that any unpaid parcel fees be added to the tax rolls of the parish and enforced with the same authority and the same penalties as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

Proposed law would have required the district to adopt an annual budget in accordance with existing law and would have further required the district to be subject to audit by the legislative auditor's office.

Proposed law would have provided that the intent of proposed law was to enhance the law enforcement personnel and services provided by the city of Zachary and not be in lieu of such personnel and services. Would have further provided that if the district ceased to exist all of its funds should be transmitted to the governing authority of East Baton Rouge Parish and used to enhance security and beautification in the area formerly comprising the district. Would have further provided that upon dissolution of the district, the authority to levy the parcel fee provided for in proposed law would cease.

(Proposed to add R.S. 33:9097.35)

Veto Message: Please be advised that, at the request of the bill's author, I have vetoed House Bill 216 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.