

- (3) To receive and expend funds from an authorized parcel fee and in accordance with an adopted budget.
- (4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public.
- (5) To provide or enhance security patrols in the district and to provide for improved lighting, signage, or matters relating to the security of the district.
- (6) To purchase, lease, rent, or otherwise acquire items, supplies, and services necessary to achieve any purpose of the district.
- (7) To accept private grants and donations.
- (8) To procure and maintain liability insurance against any personal or legal liability of a board member.

Proposed law authorizes the district, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee on each improved and unimproved parcel within the district. Provides that the amount of the fee will be in a duly adopted resolution of the board and will not exceed \$300 per year.

Proposed law provides that the term of the fee expires at the time provided in the proposition authorizing the fee, not to exceed 10 years, but authorizes renewal of the fee for a term not to exceed 10 years, also subject to voter approval. Defines "parcel" as a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a "condominium parcel" as defined in present law.

Proposed law provides that the fee will be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes and that any unpaid fee will be added to the parish tax rolls and enforced with the same authority and subject to the same penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes. Requires the tax collector to remit to the district all amounts collected not more than 60 days after collection, and authorizes the district to enter into an agreement with the tax collector to authorize the retention of a collection fee, not to exceed 1% of the amount collected.

Proposed law requires the district's board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the La. Local Government Budget Act and provides that the district will be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law provides that it is the purpose and intent of proposed law that the additional law enforcement personnel and their services provided for through the fees authorized by proposed law will be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, personnel and services provided in the district by publicly funded law enforcement agencies.

Proposed law provides that if the district ceases to exist, all district funds will be transmitted to the city-parish to be used for law enforcement purposes in the area which comprised the district.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 33:9097.35)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Make changes to the districts boundaries.
2. Make changes to the appointing authority of the board of commissioners for the district.

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Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes the district boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the Sagefield Subdivision.
2. Removes "including the construction of a neighborhood playground" as a purpose of the district.
3. Corrects the name of the Sagefield Homeowner Association and reduces its appointment from two to one for membership on the Sagefield Crime Prevention District.
4. Adds an appointment by the mayor-president for the city of Baton Rouge, parish of EBR to the Sagefield Crime Prevention District.
5. Provides that commission members shall be residents and qualified voters within the district.
6. Provides for the filling of vacancies on the district board of commissioners.
7. Removes the provision allowing the district to acquire, lease, insure, and sell immovable property within the boundaries of the district.
8. Makes technical changes.