

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERTHELOT

FUNDS/FUNDING: Changes distribution of the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.21(B), relative to the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise
3 Fund; to provide for distribution of monies in the fund; to provide for an effective
4 date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 47:302.21(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §302.21. Disposition of certain collections in Ascension Parish

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12 B. The monies in the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund shall be
13 ~~available exclusively for use by the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish~~
14 ~~and shall be~~ used solely for promoting tourism and related purposes in Ascension
15 Parish. The monies in the fund shall be subject to an annual appropriation by the
16 legislature. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund shall remain in
17 the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same
18 manner as the monies in the state general fund, and all interest earned shall be
19 deposited into the state general fund. Monies appropriated out of the fund shall be
20 distributed to and used by the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish and the

1 governing authorities of each of the incorporated municipalities within Ascension
2 Parish as follows:

3 (1) Each municipal governing authority shall receive an allocation based on
4 the population of the municipality in proportion to the population of the entire parish
5 based on the population as determined by the latest federal decennial census or by
6 the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College Agriculture
7 Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, under the most
8 recent federal-state cooperative program for local population estimates, whichever
9 is more recent.

10 (2) The parish governing authority shall receive an allocation based on the
11 population of the unincorporated areas of the parish in proportion to the population
12 of the entire parish based on the population as determined by the latest federal
13 decennial census or by the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
14 Mechanical College Agriculture Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and
15 Agribusiness, under the most recent federal-state cooperative program for local
16 population estimates, whichever is more recent.

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013; if vetoed by the governor
18 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
19 2013, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the distribution of the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund.

Present law establishes the Ascension Parish Visitor Enterprise Fund as a special treasury fund. The avails of the state sales tax on hotel rooms in Ascension Parish is deposited into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used solely for promoting tourism and related purposes in Ascension Parish.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the monies shall be available exclusively for use by the parish governing authority of Ascension Parish.

Proposed law provides that the monies shall be allocated to the parish governing authority based on the percentage of the population residing in unincorporated areas of the parish and to each of the incorporated areas based on its pro rata share of the parish's population.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 47:302.21(B))