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HOUSE BILL NO. 659

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DISTRICTS/FIRE PROTECT: Provides relative to fire protection districts in Lafourche Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1505(D), relative to parcel fees levied by fire protection
3 districts in Lafourche Parish; to provide a definition of parcel; to provide for
4 responsibility for the parcel fee; 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. 40:1505(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1505. Parcel fee; submission to voters

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12 D.(1) A "parcel" as used in this Section shall mean a lot, a subdivided
13 portion of ground or an individual tract upon which is located, either in whole or in
14 part, a residential or commercial structure, regardless of the structure's being
15 occupied or unoccupied.

16 (2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,
17 within Fire Protection District 8-C in Lafourche Parish the term parcel shall mean
18 each improved portion of ground upon which a residential or commercial structure
19 has been or may be situated and to which a mailing address has been assigned by a
20 local governmental subdivision, a landowner, or a lessor.

- 1 (b) In the case of trailer parks or other commercial lots which lease spaces
 2 for residential structures, the parcel fee for each portion of ground described in
 3 Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be the responsibility of the landowner.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides a definition of "parcel" for the levy of a parcel fee within Fire Protection District 8-C in Lafourche Parish

Present law provides for the creation of fire protection districts. Provides for their powers and duties and authorizes the levy of certain taxes or fees to support each district.

Present law provides for the levy of a parcel fee, not to exceed \$100, within each district. Present law further defines "parcel" for purposes of the fire protection district parcel fee to mean a lot or portion of ground upon which a residential or commercial structure is located, regardless of whether or not such structure is occupied.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law creates a special definition of "parcel" for Fire Protection District 8-C in Lafourche Parish. Under proposed law, "parcel" means each improved portion of ground upon which a residential or commercial structure has been or may be situated and to which a mailing address has been assigned by a parish or a municipality, a landowner, or a lessor. Proposed law further provides that in the case of a trailer park or other commercial lots which lease space for residential structures, the parcel fee described in proposed law shall be the responsibility of the landowner.

(Amends R.S. 40:1505(D))