

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 133

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PARISHES. Provides criteria for parish governing authorities to consider when determining a heavily populated area within the unincorporated area of the parish for purposes of prohibiting, restricting, or regulating the shooting of firearms. (8/1/15)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:120, relative to the authority of a parish governing authority to prohibit, restrict, or regulate hunting and shooting of firearms in heavily populated areas; to provide for what constitutes a heavily populated area within the unincorporated area of a parish; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:120 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§120. Zoning of heavily populated areas from hunting and shooting of firearms

A. The governing authorities of the parishes of this ~~State~~ state are authorized to zone in order to prohibit, restrict, or regulate hunting and the shooting of firearms in ~~the~~ heavily populated areas, of the unincorporated area of the parish as determined by ~~said~~ the governing authorities, within their parishes subject to the provisions of Subsection B of this Section, and to set penalties for violation thereof.

B. As used in this Section, "heavily populated area" shall not include any of the following:

(1) Any parcel or tract of land which is in excess of five acres and which includes no more than one single-family residence on the parcel or tract.

1 **(2) A dedicated residential subdivision which is recorded as provided in**
2 **R.S. 33:5051 and in which each residential lot or unit of the subdivision is in**
3 **excess of five acres.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

DIGEST

SB 133 Engrossed

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Present law authorizes a parish governing authority to zone in order to prohibit, restrict, or regulate hunting and the shooting of firearms in heavily populated areas, as determined by each authority, within their parishes, and to set penalties for violations.

Proposed law provides that a "heavily populated area" shall not include any of the following:

- (1) Any parcel or tract of land which is in excess of five acres and which includes no more than one single-family residence on the parcel or tract.
- (2) A dedicated residential subdivision which is recorded in the parish conveyance records in which each residential lot or unit of the subdivision is in excess of five acres.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 33:120)