

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 151

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

DISTRICTS/FIRE PROTECT: Provides relative to service charges collected by Springhill Fire Protection District No. 11 in Webster Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1502.11(A) and (B), relative to the fire service charge  
3 collected by Springhill Fire Protection District No. 11 in Webster Parish; to increase  
4 the maximum rate of the service charge; to provide relative to collection of the  
5 service charge and the costs of collection; and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 40:1502.11(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
11 as follows:

12 §1502.11. Springhill Fire Protection District No. 11; fire service charge

13 A.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing  
14 authority of Springhill Fire Protection District No. 11 ~~is hereby authorized to~~ may  
15 establish, by majority vote of the members of the authority, a fire service charge not  
16 to exceed ~~four~~ sixteen dollars per month. The governing authority shall not increase  
17 the amount of the service charge by more than one dollar in a one-year period if the  
18 charge after the increase would be more than eight dollars.



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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the maximum rate of a service charge collected by Springhill Fire Protection District No. 11 in Webster Parish and provides relative to the collection of the charge.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of Springhill Fire Protection District No. 11 to establish a monthly service charge on residential and commercial structures to cover the costs of fire protection services. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the maximum charge is \$4. Proposed law increases the maximum charge to \$16. Proposed law provides, however, that the charge shall not be increased by more than one dollar in a one-year period if the charge after the increase would be more than \$8.

Present law authorizes the district to use any means to collect and enforce the collection of such charge, including contracting with water providers to have the charge added to water bills. Proposed law additionally provides that if a structure does not have water service for more than one year, the service charge shall be placed on the tax rolls of Webster Parish and collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes.

Present law authorizes the entity collecting the charge to retain a small and reasonable administrative charge. Proposed law provides that such administrative charge shall not exceed \$100 per month or \$1,200 per year.

(Amends R.S. 40:1502.11(A) and (B))