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## States' Noxious Weed Statutes and Regulations:

*Louisiana*



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**States' Noxious Weed Statutes: Louisiana**

**Louisiana Revised Statutes**

**Title 33: Municipalities and Parishes**

**§1236. Powers of parish governing authorities**

The police juries and other parish governing authorities shall have the following powers:

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(21)(a)(i) To pass ordinances to compel property owners to cut grass and obnoxious weeds on their property, including property with structures located thereon. If the owners of lots located within subdivisions outside municipalities in the parish fail to cut and remove such grass and weeds when requested to do so, within fifteen days after receipt of a registered or certified letter by the police jury of said parish, the police jury shall have authority to have such grass and weeds cut and removed and to charge the property owners therefor in accordance with regulations adopted by the police jury. Upon failure of any such property owner to pay the charges, the police jury may file a certified copy of said charges with the recorder of mortgages, and the same, when so filed and recorded, shall operate as a lien and privilege in favor of the parish against the property on which said weeds and grass were cut and removed. The lien and privilege granted under this Paragraph, when recorded within sixty days from the date of completion of the cutting or removal, shall have the same ranking as an ad valorem tax lien on immovable property as provided in R.S. 9:4821(A)(1). Parishes may, at their option, pass ordinances to add grass cutting charges as heretofore enumerated to the annual ad valorem tax bill of the property involved if the charges remain unpaid; the ad valorem tax lien imposed thereby and such rights attendant thereto shall coexist with those granted under this Item.