

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

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

DISTRICTS/SEWERAGE: Provides relative to the governance of sewerage districts created by certain parishes

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:3887.8, relative to sewerage districts; to provide relative to the governance
3 of districts created by certain parishes; to authorize the governing authority of any
4 such parish to provide, by ordinance, for the governance of the districts; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:3887.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3887.8. Home rule charter parishes; districts; governance

9 A. The governing authority of any parish governed by a home rule charter
10 may provide, by ordinance, for the governance of districts created by the parish. Any
11 such ordinance may provide for the creation of one or more supervising boards to
12 govern such districts. Any ordinance that creates a supervising board shall provide
13 for the appointment and compensation of board members.

14 B. This Section shall not apply to the parish of Orleans.

DIGEST

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HB 176 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes home rule charter parishes, except Orleans Parish, to provide, by ordinance, for the governance of sewerage districts created by their respective parishes.

Present law authorizes police juries to create sewerage districts composed of territory outside the corporate limits of municipalities. Provides that a district shall continue to function in its entirety under the authority of the police jury which created it even though all or part of the district may be later incorporated within the limits of a municipality.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the police jury to appoint at least three but no more than five property taxpayers residing within the district as the district's board of supervisors. Requires the police jury to appoint a board of supervisors if requested by a petition of 25% or more of the district's residents. Requires the police jury to appoint the members receiving the majority in number and assessment, according to the certificate of the parish assessor, if more than one petition is received. Provides exceptions for district governance.

Proposed law retains present law and provides an additional exception for parishes governed by home rule charters, excluding Orleans Parish. Authorizes these parishes to provide, by ordinance, for the governance of districts created by the parishes. Provides that ordinances may provide for the creation of one or more supervising boards and requires ordinances creating these boards to provide for the appointment and compensation of board members.

(Adds R.S. 33:3887.8)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Exclude Orleans Parish from the provisions of proposed law.