

SENATE BILL NO. 35

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4575 and 4575.3(7), (10), and (20)(a), and R.S. 47:302.26(C)(3); and to repeal R.S. 33:4575.6, relative to the Northshore Harbor Center District in St. Tammany Parish; to provide for a change in name of the district; to provide for powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to certain taxes; to provide for the allocation of certain funds from the St. Tammany Parish Fund; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4575 and 4575.3(7), (10), and (20)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4575. ~~Northshore~~ Harbor Center District

There is hereby created the ~~Northshore~~ Harbor Center District. The district shall consist of the entire area within Ward Eight and Ward Nine of St. Tammany Parish, including any municipalities in those wards. The district is created for the purposes set forth in R.S. 33:4575 through 4575.6, and shall be responsible for the acquisition, construction, development, maintenance, and operation of an events center and the programs and events undertaken therein.

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1 §4575.3. Powers and duties

2 The board shall have all powers necessary or convenient to effectuate the
3 purposes of the district, including; but not limited to the following rights and powers:

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5 (7) To accept gifts, grants, and donations of property and money. Title to
6 immovable property acquired shall reside with the ~~Northshore~~ Harbor Center
7 District.

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9 (10) To levy and collect annual taxes, fees, or assessments to the extent
10 permitted by law. Ad valorem taxes may be levied at a rate not to exceed twenty-five
11 mills. Any such tax, fee, or assessment shall be used solely for the acquisition,
12 construction, development, maintenance, **repair, reconstruction, refurbishment,**
13 **renovation,** operation, and administration of ~~the facilities of~~ **any facility owned, to**
14 **be owned or operated by** the district **and the acquisition, construction, repair, or**
15 **replacement of machinery, equipment, and furnishings,** and shall be subject to
16 approval by a majority of the electors of the district voting at an election called by
17 the district and held for that purpose. The taxes, fees, or assessments when levied,
18 shall be from year to year or for such period of years in accordance with the
19 proposition authorizing the imposition of such taxes, fees, or assessments; however,
20 no person and no property shall be exempt from payment of the taxes, fees, or
21 assessments, except to the extent permitted by the provisions of Article VII, Section
22 20 of the Constitution of Louisiana. The district, upon its own initiative, may call a
23 special election and submit to the qualified electors of the district the question of
24 authorizing the levy of such a tax, fee, or assessment. The district shall call such a
25 special election when requested to do so by petition in writing signed by one-fourth
26 of the qualified electors eligible to vote at such election. These special taxes, fees,
27 or assessments shall be levied, assessed, and collected on the property within the
28 district under the same methods, terms, and conditions at the same time as parish and
29 district taxes are levied, assessed, and collected.

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1 (20)(a) With the approval of the State Bond Commission, to levy a tax based
 2 upon the occupancy of hotel rooms, motel rooms, and overnight camping facilities
 3 within the district in order to provide funds for the operation of the district, including
 4 the construction, acquisition, **development**, maintenance, repair, reconstruction, ~~or~~
 5 **refurbishment, renovation**, operation of **or administration of** any facility owned,
 6 **or to be owned** or operated by the district and the acquisition, ~~or~~ construction **repair**
 7 **or replacement** of machinery, equipment, and furnishings. The tax shall not exceed
 8 one dollar **two dollars** per occupant day ~~and shall not be made effective by the board~~
 9 ~~until the electorate of the district has approved a bond or tax proposition authorizing~~
 10 ~~the financing of an events center.~~

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11 Section 2. R.S. 47:302.26(C)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §302.26. Disposition of certain collections in St. Tammany Parish

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14 C. Beginning Fiscal Year 2012-2013, monies in the fund shall be subject to
 15 annual appropriation by the legislature and shall be allocated as follows:

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17 (3) ~~Northshore~~ Harbor Center District, nine percent.

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19 Section 3. R.S. 33:4575.6 is hereby repealed.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____