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Abstract: Relative to the Lake Barrington Subdivision Improvement District in Orleans Parish, changes the membership of the district's governing board and provides relative to the renewal of the special taxes and fees levied within the district.

Present law creates and provides for the Lake Barrington Subdivision Improvement District as a special taxing district in Orleans Parish to promote and encourage the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the district. Provides that district boundaries shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the Lake Barrington Subdivision.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners comprised as follows:

- (1) Three members appointed by the board of directors of the Lake Barrington Homeowners Assoc. (association).
- (2) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans.
- (3) One member appointed jointly by the members of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (4) One member appointed jointly by the members of the La. House of Representatives who represent the area which comprises the district.
- (5) One member appointed jointly by the members of the La. Senate who represent the area which comprises the district.

Proposed law removes present law and instead provides that the seven-member board will be comprised of the president, secretary, and treasurer of the governing board of the association and four members will be appointed by the members of the association, all of whom must be members of the association.

Present law provides that members serve four-year staggered terms without compensation. Requires each member to be a qualified voter and resident of the district.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that the president, secretary, and treasurer of the association will serve during their terms of office.

Present law requires the board to elect from its members a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary-treasurer, and such other officers as it may deem necessary. Requires the board to adopt rules and regulations for conducting its business affairs and to hold regular meetings as provided in the bylaws. Requires the board to keep minutes of all meetings and provides that the monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the official custody of the board. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to levy and collect special taxes or fees within the district. Provides that the tax or fee shall be adopted by resolution of the board. Further provides that the tax cannot exceed five mills and the fee shall be a flat fee levied on each parcel located in the district not to exceed \$360 per parcel per year.

Present law authorizes renewal of the tax or fee, subject to voter approval, and requires that the election for renewal be held at the same time as the mayoral primary election.

Proposed law retains the authorization to renew the tax or fee, subject to voter approval, but instead requires the election for renewal be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law provides that the terms of the members of the board in office on the effective date of proposed law shall terminate on such date; however, the members must remain in office until all members of the board are appointed and take office.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:9077(D) and (F)(5)(b))