

Regular Session, 2009

SENATE BILL NO. 32

BY SENATOR CHAISSON

LOCAL FINANCE. Authorizes St. John the Baptist to expend funds from a previously levied one mill, 20-year tax for construction and/or renovation of a facility to house the juvenile probation officers, judges, counselors and other personnel associated with juvenile services. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1098.7(D), relative to the authority of the governing authority  
3 of the parish of St. John the Baptist to expend an annual tax of one mill for a period  
4 of twenty years to fund the cost of housing juveniles; to permit the expenditure of  
5 such funds on hand and to be received for operation and maintenance cost and for  
6 construction and/or renovation of a facility to house the juvenile probation officers,  
7 judges, counselors, and other personnel associated with juvenile services; to provide  
8 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 15:1098.7(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §1098.7. Participation by other parishes; appropriations

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14 D. The governing authority of St. John the Baptist Parish may continue to  
15 levy the special annual tax not to exceed one mill for a period of twenty years to fund  
16 the costs of housing and detaining juveniles, but those tax proceeds shall not  
17 automatically be tied to the St. James Parish youth center. The parish council by

1 majority vote may elect to utilize those funds **on hand and any funds to be**  
2 **received** at any other juvenile detention center approved by appropriate state and  
3 federal authorities in St. John the Baptist Parish or in any other parish **and/or may**  
4 **appropriate and expend such funds for operation and maintenance costs and for**  
5 **construction and/or renovation of a facility to house the juvenile probation**  
6 **officers, judges, counselors and other personnel associated with juvenile**  
7 **services.**

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
12 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela Lockett De Jean.

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#### DIGEST

Present law authorizes parishes, including St. John the Baptist, to enter into a participation agreement with St. James Parish to sublease a portion of its youth center and provide for the care and maintenance of juveniles from the participating parish at the center. Further authorizes such parishes to levy a special annual tax not to exceed one mill for a period of 20 years for such purposes.

Present law specifically authorizes St. John the Baptist Parish to continue to levy the special annual tax to fund the costs of housing and detaining juveniles at any other juvenile detention center approved by appropriate state and federal authorities in St. John the Baptist Parish or in any other parish.

Proposed law further authorizes St. John the Baptist Parish to expend funds from the tax for operation and maintenance costs and for construction and/or renovation of a facility to house the juvenile probation officers, judges, counselors and other personnel associated with juvenile services.

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

(Amends R.S. 15:1098.7(D))