
DIGEST

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HB No. 647

Abstract: Authorizes the governing authority of Lincoln Parish to create a geographic information system district.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of Lincoln Parish to create and establish, as a political subdivision, a geographic information system district for the development and application of information systems. Provides relative to district boundaries and the membership, terms, meetings, and powers and duties of the district's board of commissioners. Provides for a seven-member board comprised of specified ex officio members and appointees of specified political subdivisions in the parish. Authorizes the parish governing authority to provide for up to four additional members representing other political subdivisions or entities. Authorizes the board to levy annually an ad valorem tax and to levy and collect a sales and use tax, not to exceed 1%, all subject to voter approval. Requires the board to adopt an annual budget and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor. Provides that the district, if created, shall succeed the Lincoln Parish Information Technology Department and the Lincoln Parish agency responsible for geographic information systems.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:130.791-130.797)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill.

1. Clarifies that appointed board members shall serve four-year staggered terms. Provides that designees shall serve at the pleasure of the designating authority. Further provides that the additional four board members appointed by the Lincoln Parish governing authority shall serve at the pleasure of the governing authority.