

New law creates the Grant Parish Recreation Authority as a political subdivision of the state comprised of all the territory of Grant Parish and responsible for the acquisition, construction, development, maintenance, and operation of parks and recreational facilities and programs in the parish; however, the authority has no authority over facilities and programs in existence within the parish on Jan. 1, 2009.

New law creates a seven-member commission to govern the authority. All members are appointed by the parish governing authority and serve three-year terms. Provides that members serve without compensation and reimbursement of expenses. Authorizes the commission to employ a director of parks and recreation and other staff.

New law authorizes the authority to acquire, use, and sell property, enter into contracts, establish and collect charges for facilities and services, and incur debt. Authorizes the authority, subject to voter approval, to: levy an ad valorem tax, not to exceed six mills, levy a sales tax, not to exceed ½%, and issue general obligation bonds. New law further provides that the district is subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

Effective August 15, 2009.

(Adds R.S. 33:4570.14)