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DIGEST

LaFleur (SB 482)

Present law provides that the governing authority of St. Landry Parish is hereby authorized to establish a road district, which shall be comprised of St. Landry Parish in its entirety.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the authority to create the district is contingent on the voter approval of the electorate of St. Landry Parish.

Present law provides that upon the creation of the district, districts created pursuant to present law shall be absorbed into the district and shall be subject to the provisions of this proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the St. Landry Parish Road District shall be the successor to any district that is absorbed pursuant to present law . All unfinished business, documents, liens against property for unpaid taxes, money, movable, and immovable property, and books and records of the absorbed road districts shall be transferred to and become the responsibility and property of the St. Landry Parish Road District. Any legal proceeding to which the district is a party and which is filed, initiated, or pending before any court on the effective date of abolition and all documents involved in or affected by said legal proceeding shall retain their effectiveness and shall be continued in the name of the parish. All obligations of the absorbed districts shall become the obligations of the district. Any revenues assumed by the district shall be used in or for the benefit of the area comprising the former district.

Proposed law provides that until the district proposes and voters approve a parish wide tax, the district shall continue to levy the ad valorem and sales taxes authorized by the electorate of each former district, and the revenues generated in each former district must be utilized for benefit of that former district.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 48:601(A); adds R.S. 48:601(E); repeals R.S. 48:601(D)(2)(c))