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DIGEST

Broome (SB 627)

Proposed law creates the Live Oak Trace Subdivision Crime Prevention and Improvement District in the city of Zachary within East Baton Rouge Parish (EBR) and defines its boundaries. The district shall be a political subdivision of the state as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.

Proposed law provides that the district's purpose is for the enhancement of security within the district and for the beautification and improvement of the district.

Proposed law provides that the district is governed by a seven member board of commissioners composed as follows:

1. The president of the Live Oak Trace Homeowners' Association.
2. Two members appointed by the board of directors of the association.
3. One member appointed by the member of the Louisiana House of Representatives who represents the area of the district.
4. One member appointed by the member of the Louisiana Senate who represents the area of the district.
5. One member appointed by the member of the governing authority of EBR whose council district represents the area of the district.
6. One member appointed by the mayor-president of EBR.

Proposed law provides that all members of the board must be residents of the district. Board members are eligible for reappointment unless removed for cause by a majority vote of the board. Members serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed for expenses.

Proposed law provides terms for the members of the board. Members appointed by the civic association shall serve four-year terms; members appointed by city and state officials shall serve three-year terms.

Proposed law grants the district, acting through its board, the authority to perform or have performed any function or activity necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the district.

Proposed law provides for the board to establish bylaws for its own governance and to provide for the selection of a president and other such officers as the board feels necessary. Further provides that a majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of board business.

Proposed law establishes the powers of the district which include:

1. To sue and be sued.
2. To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
3. To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to proposed law in accordance with a budget adopted pursuant to proposed law.
4. To enter into contracts.
5. To purchase items and supplies necessary for achieving any purpose of the district.
6. To accept private grants and donations.
7. To purchase and maintain liability insurance for board members for actions taken in the course of their duties on the board.
8. To perform or have performed any other function or activity necessary to achieve the purposes of the district.

Proposed law authorizes the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office to collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the fee shall be as provided for in a duly adopted resolution of the board and that the fee shall be no less than \$180 per parcel per year. Proposed law further defines "parcel" as a developed or undeveloped lot.

Proposed law provides that the fee cannot be imposed until a majority of those voting on the proposition have approved the fee at an election held in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Proposed law provides that the fee may be increased four years from its initial levy in the same manner as its imposition.

Proposed law provides that the fee shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad valorem taxes, and that any unpaid parcel fees shall be added to the tax rolls of the parish and enforced with the same authority and the same penalties as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

Proposed law provides that the district shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with present law and shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor's office.

Proposed law provides that the intent of proposed law is to enhance the law enforcement

personnel and services provided by the city and not to be in lieu of such services. Further provides that if the district ceases to exist all of its funds shall be transmitted to the governing authority of the city of Zachary and shall be used to enhance security and beautification in the area formerly comprising the district. Further provides that upon dissolution of the district, the authority to levy the parcel fee provided for in proposed law shall cease.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:9097.13)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Legislative Bureau technical amendments.