

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 209

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides relative to the Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District.
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1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4562.3 and to repeal R.S. 33:4562.4, relative to the
3 Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District; to provide for a board of commissioners;
4 to provide for the appointments of the commissioners; to provide for duties of the
5 board of commissioners; to provide for the allocation of revenue; to authorize
6 advisory committees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
7 matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:4562.3 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
11 §4562.3. Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District; creation; boundaries; objects
12 and purposes; governing authority; powers

13 A. The governing authority of the parish of Evangeline, with the prior
14 approval of the governing authority of the city of Ville Platte, is hereby authorized
15 to create the Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District, with boundaries to include
16 all territory contained within the city of Ville Platte, as those limits are now or may
17 hereafter be fixed and determined, and such additional territory within the parish as

1 may be determined by the parish governing authority.

2 B. The objects and purposes of the district shall be to own and operate
3 recreational facilities of the district, the city of Ville Platte, and the parish which are
4 located within the boundaries of the district whether preexisting or thereafter
5 constructed and acquired by the district; and generally to administer programs and
6 engage in activities which would promote recreation and any related activity
7 designed to encourage recreation and promote the general health and well-being of
8 citizens.

9 C. The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, composed of
10 ~~eleven~~ **nine** members who shall be qualified voters and residents of the area
11 contained in the district. The members of the board, who shall serve one-year terms,
12 shall be appointed as follows:

13 (1) ~~Seven members shall be appointed by the governing authority of~~
14 ~~Evangeline Parish.~~ **Three members shall be appointed by the governing authority**
15 **of the parish in which the district is located.**

16 (2) ~~Three members shall be appointed by the board of aldermen of the city~~
17 ~~of Ville Platte with the concurrence of the mayor.~~ **Three members shall be**
18 **appointed by the board of aldermen of the most populous municipality located**
19 **in the parish according to the latest federal decennial census, with the**
20 **concurrence of the mayor of the municipality.**

21 (3) ~~One member shall be appointed jointly by the members of the legislature~~
22 ~~who represent the representative or senatorial district or districts in which the district~~
23 ~~is located.~~ **Three members shall be appointed jointly by the members of the**
24 **legislature who represent the representative or senatorial district or districts in**
25 **which the district is located.**

26 D. The district is declared to be a political subdivision of the state with all the
27 rights and powers thereof to levy taxes, incur debt, and issue bonds, subject to the
28 approval of the parish governing authority and approval by a majority of the electors
29 of the district voting at an election called by the parish governing authority and held

1 for such purposes. The district may exercise all powers granted by law to recreation
2 districts created pursuant to R.S. 33:4562 et seq.

3 E. Members of the board of commissioners shall receive no compensation,
4 but may be reimbursed reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties for
5 the benefit of the district. The governing authority for the parish may promulgate
6 rules establishing the expenses that will be reimbursed. **However, the secretary**
7 **and treasurer of the board of commissioners may receive compensation for**
8 **their services.**

9 F. For the first thirty-six months of operation, all revenue generated by the
10 assets of the district shall be dedicated to the operation and maintenance of,
11 equipment for, and improvements to the district. **Thereafter, revenue generated**
12 **by the assets of the district may be allocated to the promotion or sponsorship of**
13 **athletic and health-related activities in the district in addition to other matters**
14 **provided by law.**

15 G. The district, acting through its board of commissioners, shall specifically
16 have the following authority and duties:

17 (1) To hire a director and such other personnel as may be necessary to carry
18 out the directions and instructions of the board and perform such other acts as may
19 be directed by the board.

20 (2) To develop and implement a utilization policy for the assets of the district
21 that supports the use of the assets by the residents of the district and limits the times
22 at which access to the assets are restricted for private or exclusive functions.

23 (3) To adopt and implement a schedule for fees, rental, or service charges for
24 the use of district assets for private or exclusive functions.

25 (4) To adopt and implement a policy regarding all revenue generated by the
26 assets of the district, including concession sales, the sale of space for signage, and
27 the reservation of ball parks.

28 (5) To develop and deliver recreational programming and enrichment
29 activities that encourage the use of the district's assets by residents of the district.

1 **H. The board of commissioners of the district may create an advisory**
 2 **committee composed of the presidents or their designees of the various sports**
 3 **leagues formally organized and located within the district. The purpose of the**
 4 **advisory committee shall be to make recommendations to the board regarding**
 5 **recreational programming and enrichment activities in the district.**

6 Section 2. R.S. 33:4562.4 is hereby repealed.

7 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 8 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 9 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 10 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 11 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

Present law provides for the board of commissioners to be composed of nine members who are appointed as follows:

- (1) Seven members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Evangeline Parish.
- (2) Three members shall be appointed by the board of aldermen of the city of Ville Platte with the concurrence of the mayor.
- (3) One member shall be appointed jointly by the members of the legislature who represent the representative or senatorial district or districts in which the district is located.

Proposed law provides for the board of commissioners to be composed of 11 members who are appointed as follows:

- (1) Three members shall be appointed by the governing authority of the parish in which the district is located.
- (2) Three members shall be appointed by the board of aldermen of the most populous municipality located in the parish according to the latest federal decennial census, with the concurrence of the mayor of the municipality.
- (3) Three members shall be appointed jointly by the members of the legislature who represent the representative or senatorial district or districts in which the district is located.

Proposed law provides that the secretary and treasurer of the board of commissioners may receive compensation for their services.

Proposed law provides that the revenue generated by the assets of the district may be

allocated to the promotion or sponsorship of athletic and health-related activities in the district.

Proposed law provides for the board of commissioners of the district to create an advisory committee composed of the presidents or their designees of the various sports leagues formally organized and located within the district.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:4562.3; repeals R.S. 33:4562.4)