

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 (C), (E), and (F), to enact R.S. 33:4562.3(H), and to  
3 repeal R.S. 33:4562.4, relative to the Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District; to  
4 provide for a board of commissioners; to provide for the appointments of the  
5 commissioners; to provide for duties of the board of commissioners; to provide for  
6 the allocation of revenue; to authorize advisory committees; to provide for an  
7 effective date; and to provide for related 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 (C), (E), and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted and  
11 R.S. 33:4562.3(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §4562.3. Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District; creation; boundaries; objects  
13 and purposes; governing authority; powers

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15 C. The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, composed of  
16 ~~eleven~~ **nine** members who shall be qualified voters and residents of the area  
17 contained in the district. The members of the board, who shall serve one-year terms,

1 shall be appointed as follows:

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

5 (2) ~~Three members shall be appointed by the board of aldermen of the city~~  
6 ~~of Ville Platte with the concurrence of the mayor.~~ **Three members shall be**  
7 **appointed by the board of aldermen of the most populous municipality located**  
8 **in the parish according to the latest federal decennial census, with the**  
9 **concurrence of the mayor of the municipality.**

10 (3) ~~One member shall be appointed jointly by the members of the legislature~~  
11 ~~who represent the representative or senatorial district or districts in which the district~~  
12 ~~is located.~~ **Three members shall be appointed jointly by the members of the**  
13 **legislature who represent the representative or senatorial district or districts in**  
14 **which the district is located.**

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16 E. Members of the board of commissioners shall receive no compensation,  
17 but may be reimbursed reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties for  
18 the benefit of the district. The governing authority for the parish may promulgate  
19 rules establishing the expenses that will be reimbursed. **However, the secretary**  
20 **and treasurer of the board of commissioners may receive compensation for**  
21 **their services.**

22 F. For the first thirty-six months of operation, all revenue generated by the  
23 assets of the district shall be dedicated to the operation and maintenance of,  
24 equipment for, and improvements to the district. **Thereafter, revenue generated**  
25 **by the assets of the district may be allocated to the promotion or sponsorship of**  
26 **athletic and health-related activities in the district in addition to other matters**  
27 **provided by law.**

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29 **H. The board of commissioners of the district may create an advisory**

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

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

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

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The original instrument was prepared by Michael Bell. The following digest,  
 which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared  
 by Dawn Romero Watson.

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#### DIGEST

LaFleur (SB 209)

Present law provides for the board of commissioners to be composed of 11 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 nine 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.

Present law provides that the members of the board of commissioners shall receive no compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses.

Proposed law provides that the secretary and treasurer of the board of commissioners may

receive compensation for their services.

Present law provides that for the first 36 months of operation, all revenue generated by the assets of the district shall be dedicated to the operation and maintenance of, equipment for, and improvements to the district.

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.

Present law (R.S. 33:4562.4) applies to recreational districts located in a parish with a population of not less than 33,500 and not more than 35,000. Provides that such district shall have a nine-member board and allows compensation to the secretary and treasurer. Provides that revenue generated by assets may be allocated to the promotion or sponsorship of athletic and health-related activities and allows the board to create an advisory committee.

Proposed law repeals present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:4562.3(C), (E), and (F); adds R.S. 33:4562.3(H); repeals R.S. 33:4562.4)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.