

Existing law creates the Gentilly Development District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state. Provides for district boundaries. Grants the governing authority of the city of New Orleans some power and control over and responsibility for the functions, affairs, and administration of the district.

Existing law provides that the district is governed by a six-member board of commissioners comprised as follows: two state representatives, one state senator, the mayor of the city of New Orleans, the city council member whose district encompasses all or a greater portion of the area of the district, and the assessor for the area included within the district, or their respective designees.

Prior law provided that the state representative representing House District No. 96 was a member. New law provides that the state representative representing House District No. 99 is a member. Prohibits the state representative who represents House District No. 96 and his designee from serving on the board on and after Aug. 1, 2013.

Prior law authorized the city council of New Orleans to levy and collect, subject to approval of district voters, a special ad valorem tax for a term not to exceed 50 years. Required that the tax be levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as all other ad valorem taxes on property subject to taxation by the city are levied and collected and required that the tax proceeds be used solely and exclusively for the purposes and benefit of the district. New law repeals prior law.

Existing law authorizes the board to enter into contracts with the city of New Orleans and other entities for services and capital improvements or facilities. Authorizes the city of New Orleans to incur debt for and on behalf and for the sole and exclusive benefit of the district.

Prior law authorized use of the proceeds of the special ad valorem tax authorized by prior law to pay for such services, capital improvements, and facilities and to secure debt incurred on behalf of the district. New law repeals prior law.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.70(D)(1)(b), (E)(2), and (G)(1) and (3); Repeals R.S. 33:2740.70(F))