

SENATE BILL NO. 35

BY SENATOR HEWITT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4575 and 4575.3(7), (10), and (20)(a), and R.S.
3 47:302.26(C)(3); and to repeal R.S. 33:4575.6, relative to the Northshore Harbor
4 Center District in St. Tammany Parish; to provide for a change in name of the
5 district; to provide for powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to certain
6 taxes; to provide for the allocation of certain funds from the St. Tammany Parish
7 Fund; 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. 33:4575 and 4575.3(7), (10), and (20)(a) are hereby amended and
11 reenacted to read as follows:

12 §4575. ~~Northshore~~ Harbor Center District

13 There is hereby created the ~~Northshore~~ Harbor Center District. The district
14 shall consist of the entire area within Ward Eight and Ward Nine of St. Tammany
15 Parish, including any municipalities in those wards. The district is created for the
16 purposes set forth in R.S. 33:4575 through 4575.6, and shall be responsible for the
17 acquisition, construction, development, maintenance, and operation of an events
18 center and the programs and events undertaken therein.

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1 §4575.3. Powers and duties

2 The board shall have all powers necessary or convenient to effectuate the
3 purposes of the district, including; but not limited to the following rights and powers:

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5 (7) To accept gifts, grants, and donations of property and money. Title to
6 immovable property acquired shall reside with the ~~Northshore~~ Harbor Center
7 District.

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9 (10) To levy and collect annual taxes, fees, or assessments to the extent
10 permitted by law. Ad valorem taxes may be levied at a rate not to exceed twenty-five
11 mills. Any such tax, fee, or assessment shall be used solely for the acquisition,
12 construction, development, maintenance, **repair, reconstruction, refurbishment,**
13 **renovation,** operation, and administration of ~~the facilities of~~ **any facility owned, to**
14 **be owned or operated by** the district **and the acquisition, construction, repair, or**
15 **replacement of machinery, equipment, and furnishings,** and shall be subject to
16 approval by a majority of the electors of the district voting at an election called by
17 the district and held for that purpose. The taxes, fees, or assessments when levied,
18 shall be from year to year or for such period of years in accordance with the
19 proposition authorizing the imposition of such taxes, fees, or assessments; however,
20 no person and no property shall be exempt from payment of the taxes, fees, or
21 assessments, except to the extent permitted by the provisions of Article VII, Section
22 20 of the Constitution of Louisiana. The district, upon its own initiative, may call a
23 special election and submit to the qualified electors of the district the question of
24 authorizing the levy of such a tax, fee, or assessment. The district shall call such a
25 special election when requested to do so by petition in writing signed by one-fourth
26 of the qualified electors eligible to vote at such election. These special taxes, fees,
27 or assessments shall be levied, assessed, and collected on the property within the
28 district under the same methods, terms, and conditions at the same time as parish and
29 district taxes are levied, assessed, and collected.

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