

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 202 (HB 185)

2024 Regular Session

Newell

New law creates the Castle Manor Improvement District in New Orleans for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the beautification and security of the district. Provides for district boundaries. Provides that the district shall be governed by a seven-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

- (1) The president of the Castle Manor Improvement Assoc.
- (2) The governing board of the association shall appoint two members.
- (3) Each of the following shall appoint one member from nominees submitted by the association:
 - (a) The mayor of New Orleans.
 - (b) The member of the La. House of Representatives whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
 - (c) The member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
 - (d) The member of the governing authority of New Orleans whose council district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.

New law requires that all members of the board be residents and qualified voters of the district.

New law provides for the powers and duties of the district.

New law authorizes the governing authority of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the amount of the parcel fee shall not exceed the following:

- (1) For parcels zoned residential, \$100 per parcel per year for the first three years that the fee is collected and \$125 per parcel per year thereafter.
- (2) For parcels zoned commercial, \$200 per parcel per year for the first three years that the fee is collected and \$225 per parcel per year thereafter.

Existing constitution provides that property assessments shall not increase for certain property owners who meet specified age, disability, and income requirements. New law provides that the parcel fee shall not be imposed on parcels whose owners qualify for this special assessment level.

New law provides that the initial term for the imposition of the parcel fee is five years but authorizes renewal, subject to voter approval, for terms not to exceed five years. Provides that the district ceases to exist if the fee is not renewed.

New law requires that the fee be collected in the same manner and at the same time as ad valorem taxes. Authorizes the city to retain 1% of the amount collected.

New law requires the district's board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with existing law (R.S. 39:1301 et seq.) and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

New law provides that it is the purpose and intent of new law that the additional law enforcement personnel and services provided for through the fees authorized by new law shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, personnel and services provided in the district by the state or the city. Further provides that if the district ceases to exist, funds of the district shall be transmitted to the city of New Orleans, and such funds, together with other funds collected by the city pursuant to new law, shall be maintained in a separate account and

shall be used only to promote, encourage, and enhance the security of the area included in the district.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 33:9091.28)