

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.5(B), (C), (E)(4) and (5), (F)(1) and (3), (G)(1), and (H), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, and powers and duties of the district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide for the amount, expiration, and renewal of the fee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:9091.5(B), (C), (E)(4) and (5), (F)(1) and (3), (G)(1), and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§9091.5. Lake Vista Crime Prevention District

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B. Boundaries. The boundaries of the district shall be the center line of ~~Robert E. Lee Boulevard~~ Allen Toussaint Boulevard, Marconi Drive, Beauregard Avenue, and Lakeshore Drive.

C. The purposes of the district shall be to aid in crime prevention and to ~~enhance the security of district residents by providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district~~ promote and encourage security in the area included within the district.

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1 E. Powers and duties. The district, acting through its board of
2 commissioners, shall have the following powers and duties:

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4 (4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public,~~for~~
5 ~~the provision of security patrols in the district.~~

6 (5) To ~~purchase~~ acquire, purchase, or lease items and supplies which the
7 board deems instrumental to achieving the ~~purpose~~ purposes of the district.

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9 F. Parcel fee. The governing authority of the city of New Orleans is hereby
10 authorized to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in
11 accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

12 (1) The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution
13 of the board. The fee, which shall not exceed ~~two hundred twenty~~ four hundred
14 dollars per parcel per year, shall be imposed on each improved or unimproved single-
15 and two-family residential parcel and each multiple-dwelling or apartment parcel
16 located within the district. The owner of the parcel shall be responsible for payment
17 of the fee.

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19 (3)(a) The fee shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has
20 been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district ~~voting~~ who vote
21 on the proposition at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the
22 Louisiana Election Code. The amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted
23 resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized in this
24 Subsection. No other election shall be required except as provided by this
25 Paragraph.

26 ~~(b) The initial election on the question of the imposition of the fee shall be~~
27 ~~held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans.~~

28 ~~(c)~~(b) The fee shall expire at the time provided in the proposition authorizing
29 the fee, not to exceed ~~four~~ eight years from its initial imposition, but the fee may be
30 renewed as provided in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph. Any election to

1 authorize renewal of the fee shall be held ~~at the same time as a regularly scheduled~~
2 ~~election in the city of New Orleans~~ for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana
3 Election Code. If ~~renewed~~ the fee is renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee
4 shall be as provided in the proposition authorizing ~~such~~ the renewal, not to exceed
5 ~~four~~ eight years.

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7 G. Budget. (1) The board shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with
8 the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq. ~~The budget and~~
9 ~~all amendments shall be subject to the approval of the governing authority of the city~~
10 ~~of New Orleans.~~

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12 H. Miscellaneous provisions. (1) It is the purpose and intent of this Section
13 ~~that the additional law enforcement personnel and their services provided for through~~
14 ~~the fees authorized in this Section shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of~~
15 ~~personnel and services provided in the district by the New Orleans Police~~
16 ~~Department~~ any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other security
17 or other services or betterments to be provided by the district shall be supplemental
18 to and not in lieu of personnel and services to be provided in the district by the state
19 or the city of New Orleans or their departments or agencies or by other political
20 subdivisions.

21 (2) If the district ceases to exist, ~~any funds of the district shall be transmitted~~
22 ~~to the governing authority of the city of New Orleans and shall be used for law~~
23 ~~enforcement purposes in the district~~ all funds of the district shall be transmitted by
24 the board to the city of New Orleans, and such funds, together with any other funds
25 collected by the city of New Orleans pursuant to this Section, shall be maintained in
26 a separate account by the city and shall be used only to promote, encourage, and
27 enhance the security of the area included in the district.

28 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
30 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____