
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Louisiana legislator district sign and provides for the design, fee, and rule promulgation of the legislator district signs.

Proposed law authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to regulate the content, composition, placement, erection, and maintenance of the La. legislator district signs within interstate and other fully controlled access hwy. rights-of-way, or the DOTD may contract with a qualified third party for the placement, erection, and maintenance of the legislator district signs within interstate and other fully controlled access highway rights-of-way. Authorizes the DOTD to expend any available federal funds for erecting and maintaining the legislator district signs

Proposed law specifies that if the DOTD contracts with a qualified third party for the placement, erection, and maintenance of the legislator district signs within interstate and other fully controlled access highway rights-of-way, selection of the qualified third party must be made pursuant to the provisions of present law. Further requires the DOTD and the qualified third party to negotiate the terms and conditions of their contract; however, the qualified third party must deposit all revenues received pursuant to the contract into a separate account and provide the DOTD with a full accounting of such revenues every three months. Additionally authorizes the DOTD to extend the initial term of the contract for not more than four additional five-year periods.

Proposed law defines "legislator district signs" as a rectangular sign panel imprinted with the names of the respective legislators' names and the district number on each sign as provided for in administrative rules promulgated in proposed law.

Proposed law requires the DOTD to establish appropriate and reasonable fees.

Proposed law specifies that the legislator district signs are the property of the state of La.

Proposed law requires all fees collected be considered as self-generated revenues and deposited by the secretary of the DOTD into the state treasury for credit to the DOTD. After compliance with the requirements of present law, specifies that the monies deposited are appropriated as self-generated revenues to the DOTD.

Proposed law requires the procedures for obtaining approval for programming, project authorizations, and other actions for federal-aid projects which include these signs follow the same procedures as other federal-aid projects in this state, as prescribed in present law.

Proposed law requires the DOTD promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of proposed law, including but not limited to rules and regulations relative to contracting with a qualified third party or parties.

(Adds R.S. 48:274.4)