

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law creates the West End Economic Development District as a political subdivision in the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans to promote and encourage economic and commercial development and tourism opportunities. Provides for district boundaries.

New law provides that the district is governed by a five-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

- (1) Two members appointed by the member of the governing authority of Jefferson Parish who represents District No. 5.
- (2) Two members appointed by the member of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans who represents District A.
- (3) One member appointed by the president of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans.

New law provides that members serve five-year staggered terms. Requires that members serve without compensation, but authorizes reimbursement for expenses incurred while attending to the business of the board or the district.

New law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To receive by gift, grant, or donation any sum of money, property, aid, or assistance from the U.S., the state, or any political subdivision thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation.
- (2) To enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or private association, corporation, business entity, or individual.
- (3) To appoint officers, agents, and employees; prescribe their duties; and fix their compensation.

New law authorizes the district to levy a sales tax not to exceed 2%. Requires that the tax be imposed and collected uniformly throughout the jurisdiction of the district. Provides that the tax shall be in addition to all other taxes other political subdivisions within the jurisdiction of the district are authorized to levy and collect. Requires that any monies received by the district be used exclusively for the benefit of the district and to fund economic development projects and infrastructure improvement projects located within a specified area.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 33:2740.70.11)