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SENATE BILL NO. 237

BY SENATOR PETERSON

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for legislation relative to the BioDistrict New Orleans' board general powers. (8/1/13)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9039.68(B), relative to the general powers of the BioDistrict
3	New Orleans' board; to provide a method by which the board may reduce or exclude
4	lands from its original district; to authorize the creation of economic development
5	projects within the original boundaries of the downtown development district and the
6	BioDistrict New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.
7	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.
8	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
9	Section 1. R.S. 33:9039.68(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
10	§9039.68. General powers
11	* * *
12	B.(1) At least ten days after publication of a notice in the official journal of
13	the district, a public hearing shall be conducted, and the board may then designate
14	one or more areas within or without the boundaries of the district as they may exist
15	from time to time as a separate subdistrict or as an enlargement, or reduction of the
16	original district, provided that subdistricts created by the board outside the then
17	current boundaries of the district need not be contiguous to the district. Any territory

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1 outside the original boundaries of the district which is sought to be included or 2 excluded in the district or designated as a separate subdistrict may only be so included, excluded, or designated subject to the approval of the governing board of 3 the parish or municipality having jurisdiction over such territory. Each subdistrict 4 5 shall constitute a separate political subdivision of the state, governed by the district board with the same powers of the district. Each designated subdistrict area shall be 6 7 representative of its geographic location and designated as "BioDistrict Economic 8 Development Subdistrict for _____ ".

9 (2)(a) In addition to any other provision of this Chapter, the owner or owners 10 of land whether or not contiguous to the district may file with the board a petition requesting that there their property be included as an enlargement of the original 11 district, excluded from the original district, or designated as a separate subdistrict, 12 13 the The land to be included or excluded in the district may be described in the petition by metes and bounds or by lot and block number if there is a recorded plat 14 of the area. to be included in the district. The board shall hear and consider the 15 petition and may add or reduce the land described to the original district or 16 designated as a subdistrict in the petition if it is feasible, practicable, and to the 17 advantage of the district. Upon receipt of such petition and at least ten days after 18 19 publication of a notice in the official journal of the district, a public hearing shall be conducted, and the board shall consider the petition and may then enlarge or reduce 20 21 the boundaries of the district or designate one or more areas within or without the 22 boundaries of the district as they may exist from time to time as a subdistrict if it is practicable, feasible, and to the benefit of the district to do so. development of the 23 bioscience healthcare industries. 24

(b) Subdistricts created outside the then current boundaries of the district
also need not be contiguous to the district. Any territory outside the district which
is sought to be included <u>or excluded</u> in the district or designated as a subdistrict,
may only be so included subject to the approval of the governing board of the parish
or municipality having jurisdiction over such territory. Each subdistrict shall

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1	constitute a separate political subdivision of the state, governed by the district board
2	with the same powers of the district. Each designated subdistrict area shall be
3	representative of its geographic location and designated as "BioDistrict Economic
4	Development Subdistrict for".
5	(3) The territorial jurisdiction or boundaries of the district shall not be
6	expanded, reduced, or extended and no subdistrict shall be created to include any
7	area which is not entirely contained within the New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical
8	Area.
9	Section 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Act to the contrary, the New
10	Orleans Downtown Development District and BioDistrict New Orleans may exercise all of
11	their authority within their boundaries regardless of any overlapping jurisdiction and may
12	further undertake economic development projects within the original boundaries of the
13	downtown development district and the BioDistrict New Orleans.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the board to include or designate as a separate subdistrict certain properties of the BioDistrict in New Orleans.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further authorizes the board to exclude or reduce certain properties of the district.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the creation of economic development projects within the original boundaries of the downtown development district and the BioDistrict in New Orleans.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 33:9039.68(B))