Abramson (HB 603) Act No. 49

Existing law creates the Hurstville Security and Neighborhood Improvement District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of promoting and encouraging security in the area included within the district and promoting and encouraging the beautification and overall betterment of the district. Provides for the district's boundaries, governance, and powers and duties. Authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to levy a parcel fee on behalf of the district.

<u>Prior law</u> provided that the initial election on the question of the imposition of the fee should be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans. <u>New law</u> repeals <u>prior law</u>.

<u>Prior law</u> provided that the fee would expire on Dec. 31, 2014, but authorized renewal of the fee and required that the election for the renewal be held at the same time as the mayoral primary election for the city of New Orleans.

<u>New law</u> instead provides that the fee will expire on Dec. 31, 2022, and requires that the election for renewal be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans.

<u>Existing law</u> prohibits the imposition of a fee on any parcel whose owner qualifies for property tax special assessment level as provided by the state constitution (Const. Art. VII, §18(G)(1)).

<u>New law</u> additionally prohibits the imposition of a fee on any parcel on which sits a certain type of uninhabitable accessory building that cannot be converted for commercial use and that meets other specified requirements.

<u>New law</u> provides that the provisions of <u>new law</u> shall not affect the parcel fee being imposed within the district on May 29, 2013. Requires the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to continue to impose the parcel fee until it expires, as provided in the proposition approved by a majority of the district's registered voters voting on the proposition at an election held on Nov. 17, 2007. Further requires the governing authority of the city to begin to impose a parcel fee as provided in <u>new law</u>, if approved by a majority of the district's registered voters as provided in <u>new law</u>.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 29, 2013).

(Amends R.S. 33:9091.11(E)(intro. para.) and (F)(intro. para.), (3)(c), and (4); Repeals R.S. 33:9091.11(F)(3)(b))