

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

BY REPRESENTATIVE BURRELL

DISTRICTS/DOWNTOWN DEVEL: Provides relative to the boundaries of the Shreveport
Downtown Development District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.38(B)(1), relative to the Shreveport Downtown
3 Development District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide
4 relative to the authority of the district to levy ad valorem taxes and issue bonds
5 within such boundaries; and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.38(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
11 follows:

12 §2740.38. Shreveport; downtown development district

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14 B.(1)(a) A special taxing district created by Act No. 573 of the 1975 Regular
15 Session and any amendment thereto within the city of Shreveport was and shall
16 continue to be recognized as a downtown development district and is composed of
17 that area of the city of Shreveport described as follows:

18 Beginning at intersection of the eastern city limit line of the city of
19 Shreveport and the northwesterly right-of-way line of Interstate 20, proceed
20 southeasterly along said city limit line, between the banks of the Red River, to the
21 extension of the southern boundary line of that certain property bearing geography
22 number 171305001001600; then follow the southeastern and southwestern boundary

1 of said property to the southern right-of-way line of Stoner Avenue extended; then
2 proceed westerly, following said southern right-of-way line to the western right-of-
3 way line of Louisiana Highway 1; then proceed north and northwesterly to the
4 southeast right-of-way line of Sixth Street; then proceed westerly to the western
5 right-of-way line of Marshall Street; then proceed northwesterly to the southern
6 right-of-way line of Davis Street; then proceed westerly along Davis Street and an
7 extension of its southern right-of-way line to the western right-of-way line of
8 Louisiana Avenue; then proceed northerly to the southern right-of-way line of
9 Interstate 20; then proceed southwesterly, past the northeast bound exit interchange
10 of Interstate 49; from the intersection of Interstate 20 and the northbound exit of
11 interchange of Interstate 49, proceed due north, crossing Murphy Street, to the
12 southeast corner of that certain property bearing geography number
13 181436037003100 and follow said property's eastern boundary line to the southeast
14 corner of that certain property bearing geography number 181436005100; then
15 continue northerly along the eastern boundary of that certain property bearing
16 geography number 181436035002700 to the southwest corner of that certain
17 property bearing geography number 181436033004900; then proceed northerly
18 along the western boundaries of those certain properties bearing geography numbers
19 181436020001700; 181436019002900; and 181436017001300 to the northeast
20 corner of the intersection of Ford Street/Caddo Street and Pete Harris Drive/North
21 Western Avenue; then proceed along the eastern right-of-way line of North Western
22 Avenue to the southeast corner of the intersection of North Western Avenue and
23 Patzman Street; then proceed easterly along the northern boundaries of those
24 properties bearing geography numbers 181437002006500; 18143700200600;
25 181437002006700; and 181437001003700 to the northeast corner of that certain
26 property bearing geography number 181437001003700 at its intersection with the
27 western right-of-way line of Common Street; then proceed northwesterly along said
28 right-of-way line of Common Street; then proceed northwesterly along said right-of-
29 way line of the point of intersection with the center line of Cross Bayou; then

1 proceed easterly and southeasterly along center line of Cross Bayou to an
2 intersection with the easterly city limit line of the city of Shreveport, between the
3 banks of the Red River, thence southeasterly along said city limit line to point of
4 beginning.

5 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the
6 boundaries of the district are expanded to include territory not originally included
7 within the district boundaries, the city council shall call an election for the purpose
8 of submitting any existing ad valorem tax or bonds, or both, to the qualified electors
9 residing in the expanded territory for their approval or rejection; however, if there
10 are no qualified electors residing in the expanded territory as certified by the registrar
11 of voters, no such election shall be required. No tax shall be levied in the expanded
12 territory and no bonds secured by a tax levied in the expanded territory shall be
13 issued unless the question of levying such tax or issuing such bonds is approved by
14 the favorable vote of a majority of the electors voting in the election.

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DIGEST

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HB 124 Reengrossed 2015 Regular Session Burrell

Abstract: Changes the boundaries of the Shreveport Downtown Development District

Present law creates the Shreveport Downtown Development District to formulate a program to aid and encourage private development, promote and coordinate public development, and encourage and aid in the preservation, revitalization, and beautification of the central business district of Shreveport. Proposed law retains present law except changes the boundaries of the district.

Proposed law additionally provides that if the district's boundaries are expanded to include territory not originally included within the district's boundaries, the city council must call an election in order to submit any existing ad valorem tax or bonds to the qualified electors of the expanded territory for their approval or rejection; however, no election is required if there are no qualified electors. Prohibits the levy of a tax in the expanded territory or the issuance of bonds secured by a tax levied in the expanded territory unless such tax is approved by the voters.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.38(B)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Relative to the expansion of district boundaries, add a requirement that the city council call an election in order to submit any existing ad valorem tax or bonds to the qualified electors of the expanded territory for their approval or rejection.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add prohibition on the levy of taxes and issuance of bonds secured by taxes in the expanded territory without voter approval.