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HOUSE BILL NO. 208

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Provides relative to educational facilities improvement districts

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.37(B)(1) and (F), relative to educational facilities
3	improvement districts; to create an education facilities improvement district in
4	certain additional school districts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
5	related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.37(B)(1) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8	as follows:
9	§2740.37. Educational facilities improvement districts
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1	B.(1) There is hereby created in the school districts in Tangipahoa,
12	Livingston, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Webster, Jefferson, Lafayette,
13	Sabine, DeSoto, Red River, Richland, Morehouse, Madison, Tensas, Natchitoches,
4	Winn, East Carroll, West Carroll, LaSalle, Grant, Caldwell, Franklin, Ouachita,
15	Bienville, and St. Landry parishes, the city of Monroe, and the city of Baker, each
16	school district a political subdivision to be known as an educational facilities
17	improvement district, hereinafter sometimes referred to as a "district". Each district
18	shall have boundaries coterminous with the respective school district.
19	* * *
20	F. The district may incur debt and fund sales tax revenues into bonds in the
21	manner provided by Subpart F, Part III, Chapter 4, Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

Statutes of 1950 in R.S. 39:523. No proceeding, hearing, notice, or approval shall be required for the issuance of any bonds or any instrument as security therefor, except as provided by this Section or by the Constitution of Louisiana.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates an educational facilities improvement district in each school district.

<u>Present law</u> creates an educational facilities improvement district in the school districts in the parishes of Tangipahoa, Livingston, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Webster, Jefferson, Lafayette, Sabine, DeSoto, Red River, Richland, Morehouse, Madison, Tensas, Natchitoches, Winn, East Carroll, West Carroll, LaSalle, Grant, Caldwell, Franklin, Ouachita, Bienville, and St. Landry and in the cities of Monroe and Baker with the authority to levy a sales tax of not more than 1%, subject to voter approval, and to issue bonds secured by such tax to aid school districts in acquisition, construction, and maintenance of facilities, property, and equipment.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except creates such improvement districts in each school district statewide.

<u>Present law</u> provides that such districts shall have boundaries coterminous with the school district.

<u>Present law</u> provides that such districts are created for purposes of assisting school boards to purchase, construct, or improve school buildings and other school-related facilities; acquire necessary or desirable equipment and furnishings therefor; repair, maintain, and rehabilitate existing school-related facilities; acquire or improve lands for building sites, playgrounds, and other school-related areas, title to which shall be vested in the public, and to maintain such facilities; to provide funding for other matters for which school boards are authorized by law to expend funds; and generally to assist school boards experiencing financial difficulties regarding capital facilities or other needs.

<u>Present law</u> provides for governance of such districts by a board of at least 5 directors (the number to be determined by the respective school board) and provides for the terms, selection of officers, domicile, and a place or places for meetings. Provides that directors shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement of expenses at a rate not to exceed the rate for state employees.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a district to fund sales tax revenues into bonds in accordance with present law.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.37(B)(1) and (F))