
DIGEST

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SB 365 Reengrossed

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Harris

Present law creates the French Quarter Management District in the city of New Orleans as a political subdivision of the state. Provides that the district is governed by a board of 13 commissioners.

Present law provides that the district is created to provide the following functions:

- (1) Enhance public safety and sanitation within the district by financing supplemental safety and sanitation services.
- (2) Provide supplemental resources for the enforcement of laws and regulations that relate to the quality of life for tourists, residents, and businesses within the district.
- (3) Engage in strategic planning, business and commercial development activities, administering capital improvement funds, and administering programs.
- (4) Take such actions as may be advisable to enhance commercial, civic, and cultural activity within the district, to promote and aid in the conservation and preservation of the district's quaint historic nature, character, qualities, and architecture, to foster quality events and quality of life in the district, to restore regional character to the district, to attract locals and tourists to visit the district, to facilitate and promote the development and improvement of public infrastructure within the district, and to encourage new residents to live in the district.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the reduction of homelessness and infrastructure improvements to the functions of the district.

Present law provides for the purposes, objects, and powers of the district, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Creating and maintaining public restroom facilities.
- (2) Beautifying the district, improving its streetscapes and the quality of its frontage, and making cosmetic improvements within the district.
- (3) Enhancing the district's walkability and pedestrian-friendly environment.
- (4) Revitalizing and nurturing cultural and historical features, preservation, and cultural tourism.
- (5) Providing facade grants and incentives to utilize vacant buildings, upper floors, and land.
- (6) Addressing transportation concerns.
- (7) Facilitating parking and mobility planning, strategies, and management.
- (8) Improving commercial and residential vitality and developing and implementing commercial planning, marketing, and recruiting strategies.
- (9) Facilitating lighting and signage upgrades, repairs, and replacements.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the following purposes, objects, and powers of the district:

- (1) Enhancing and providing dedicated public safety, reducing homelessness, infrastructure enhancement and sanitation within the district by financing supplemental safety and sanitation services.
- (2) Providing supplemental resources for the enforcement of laws and regulations that relate to the quality of life for tourists and visitors within the district.

Proposed law provides that any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other security or other services or betterments provided by the district shall be supplemental to existing personnel and services to be provided in the district by the state or the city of New Orleans or their departments or agencies, or by other political subdivisions.

Present law provides that the district shall consist of four subdistricts: the Vieux Carre, the Iberville Corridor, the Treme, and the Faubourg Marigny and provides for the boundaries of the subdistricts.

Proposed law changes the boundaries of the Faubourg Marigny subdistrict.

Present law requires the board of commissioners to adopt an annual budget in accordance with present law (R.S. 39:1301)

Proposed law retains present law and further requires that no less than 15% of the annual budget be dedicated to public safety, reducing homelessness, and infrastructure enhancements.

Proposed law authorizes the district to utilize the city of New Orleans, as well as contract with other entities, for purposes of procuring services for the district. Additionally authorizes the district to procure by informal bid a public work with a value of \$150,000 or less.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 25:799(A)(2)(a), (I)(4) and (J)(1); Adds R.S. 25:799(E)(4), (G)(16) and (17), and (K)(1)(c) and (3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides that any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other security or other services or betterments provided by the district shall be supplemental to existing personnel and services to be provided in the district by the state or the city of New Orleans, or their departments or agencies, or by other political subdivisions.
2. Provides that the district may procure by informal bid, a public work with a value of \$150,000 or less.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Provides that supplemental resources for the enforcement of laws and regulations shall relate to the quality of life for tourists and visitors within the district.
2. Provides for the boundaries of the Faubourg Marigny subdistrict.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change the amount of certain required budget dedications from 15% to no less than 15%.