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Present law provides that an industrial area may include any compact body of land which is used exclusively for industrial purposes or is primarily suited for industrial development.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the construction and operation of data centers shall be considered an industrial purpose.

Present law provides that industries located within the boundaries of any industrial area shall furnish and maintain certain services that are usually provided by parish or local government. Further provides that any industrial area which furnishes and maintains those services shall not be subject to annexation or incorporation.

Present law allows agreements between the industries located within the boundaries of an industrial area and the governing authority of the parish or any municipalities to be made for mutual fire protection in grave emergencies.

Proposed law retains present law in part except provides that industries located within the boundaries of an industrial area may enter into one or more cooperative endeavor agreements with the parish or municipality in which it is situated, any political corporation, or any private entity to provide one or more services or facilities required, by present law.

Proposed law provides that in the event an industrial area is not situated within a municipality, or the municipality is unable or unwilling to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement to provide the requested services or facilities, the industries may enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with another municipality for services and facilities.

Proposed law requires any cooperative endeavor agreement entered into for the purpose of providing any of the services or facilities required to include a provision ensuring that the obligations required under the agreement will not impair existing obligations of the parish, municipality, or political subdivision to provide the services or facilities to its existing residents.

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(Amends R.S. 33:130.12 and R.S. 51:1202)