

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 453

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for the creation and alteration of hospital service districts in Terrebonne Parish and LaFourche Parish. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 46:1051(F) and (G), relative to hospital service districts; to provide for  
3 hospital service districts in Terrebonne Parish and Lafourche Parish; to provide  
4 relative to the authority to create and alter the boundaries of hospital service districts;  
5 to provide relative to the authorization to call an election in certain circumstances;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 46:1051(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1051. Authority to create and alter the boundaries of districts

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12 **F. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections A and B of this Section,**  
13 **the governing authority of Lafourche Parish shall not abolish or alter the**  
14 **boundaries of a hospital service district within the parish unless the abolition**  
15 **or alteration is approved by two-thirds of the full membership of the board of**  
16 **commissioners of the district and approved by a majority of the voters of the**  
17 **district, at an election held for the purpose of authorizing such abolition or**

1 alteration in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. The parish  
 2 governing authority or the board of commissioners may call an election for such  
 3 purpose after the board of commissioners has voted for such approval as  
 4 provided in this Subsection.

5 G. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections A and B of this Section,  
 6 the governing authority of Terrebonne Parish shall not abolish or alter the  
 7 boundaries of a hospital service district within the parish unless the abolition  
 8 or alteration is approved by two-thirds of the full membership of the board of  
 9 commissioners of the district and approved by a majority of the voters of the  
 10 district, voting at an election held for the purpose of authorizing such abolition  
 11 or alteration in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. The parish  
 12 governing authority or the board of commissioners may call an election for such  
 13 purpose after the board of commissioners has voted for such approval as  
 14 provided in this Subsection.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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## DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 46:1051) provides that the police juries of parishes are authorized and empowered, upon their own initiative, to form and create one or more hospital service districts within the respective parishes, or with agreement among police juries concerned, to combine two or more parishes into a single hospital service district with such names as the police juries may designate, and in so doing, police juries may create hospital service districts whose boundaries overlap those of other hospital service districts.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the police juries are further authorized and empowered, upon their own initiative, to alter the boundaries of any hospital service district, provided that no such boundary change shall cause an impairment of the obligations of any contract of the hospital service district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the creation of overlapping hospital service districts or the alteration of the boundaries of any hospital service district prior to July 31, 1968, are expressly validated, ratified and confirmed.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding the provisions of present law, the governing authorities of Lafourche Parish and Terrebone Parish shall not abolish or alter the boundaries of a hospital service district within their jurisdiction unless the abolition or alteration is approved by two-thirds of the full membership of the board of commissioners of the district and approved by a majority of the voters of the district voting at an election held for the purpose of authorizing such abolition or alteration in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Proposed law provides that the parish governing authority or the board of commissioners may call an election for such purpose after the board of commissioners has voted for such approval as provided in present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 46:1051(F) and (G))