

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 261

BY SENATOR CHAISSON

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides relative to the governing authority of the Sunset Drainage District of St. Charles Parish. (7/1/12)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 38:1607(C), relative to St. Charles Parish; to provide that the St. Charles Parish Council may replace the board of commissioners of the Sunset Drainage District as the governing authority of the district by ordinance; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:1607(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1607. Board of commissioners; qualifications; compensation and expenses

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C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the St. Charles Parish Council may replace the board of commissioners of the Sunset Drainage District as the governing authority of the district by adopting an ordinance appointing and designating the St. Charles Parish Council as the governing authority of the district. At least two public hearings shall be held prior to each consideration of adopting the ordinance by the St. Charles Parish Council. At least one of the public hearings shall be held at a location within the

- 1 **district. The ordinance shall establish an effective date for such change in**
 2 **governance and the delivery of records, accounts and monies to the council.**

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012.

The original instrument was prepared by James Benton. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that all drainage districts will be governed and controlled by five commissioners to be known as the board of commissioners.

Proposed law makes an exception to present law for the Sunset Drainage District, which provides that the St. Charles Parish Council may replace the board of commissioners of Sunset Drainage District as the governing authority of the district by adopting an ordinance appointing and designating the St. Charles Parish Council as the governing authority of the district.

Proposed law requires that at least two public hearings be held prior to each consideration of adopting the ordinance by the St. Charles Parish Council and requires at least one of the hearings be held at a location within the district.

Proposed law further requires that the ordinance establish an effective date for the change in governance and for the delivery of records, accounts, and monies to the council.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 38:1607(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Changes the effective date from upon signature of governor to January 1, 2012.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Requires at least two public hearings prior to considering adoption of the ordinance and requires at least one of the hearings be held at a location within the district.
3. Changes the effective date from January 1, 2012 to July 1, 2012.