DIGEST

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Chaisson SB No. 261

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

<u>Proposed law</u> makes an exception to <u>present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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. Effective until December 31, 2013.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill.</u>

1. Changes the effective date <u>from</u> upon signature of governor <u>to</u> 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 <u>from</u> January 1, 2012 <u>to</u> July 1, 2012.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Municipal, Parochial</u> and <u>Cultural Affairs</u> to the <u>reengrossed</u> bill.

1. Adds a sunset date of December 31, 2013.