

Prior law (Act No. 253 of 1952 R.S.) created and provided by special legislative charter for the city of Bastrop. Defined the boundaries, provides for the administration of its affairs, and provided relative to the powers and duties of the city and its officers.

Prior law included within the powers and duties of the city the power to acquire for any municipal purpose ownership of property. Authorized the city to acquire such property by expropriation, purchase, gift, devise, or lease. Authorized the city to hold, manage, control, and sell or lease any such property. New law retains prior law.

Prior law additionally granted the city quick take powers and authorized the city to acquire and dispose of property by exchange. New law removes prior law except grants the city the authority to acquire property for roads by quick taking for any municipal purpose.

Prior law prohibited the sale of real estate except at public sale by sealed bid or public auction. New law retains requirement for public sale but removes specifications regarding sealed bid or public auction.

Prior law authorized the city to erect, purchase, expropriate, maintain, and operate waterworks, electric plants, and gas plants inside or outside the city limits, including the pipe and transmission lines incident thereto. New law retains prior law. Prior law authorized the city to erect, acquire, and operate other public utility services and other methods of delivery. New law removes prior law.

Prior law authorized the city to take and quick take waterworks, electric plants, and gas plants and public utility services. New law removes prior law.

Prior law authorized the acquisition of utility services for the purpose of supplying communication, data, electronic media, and other or like public utility services. New law removes prior law.

Prior law authorized the city, for the purpose of supplying water, gas, and electricity, to charge and collect compensation for any such purpose and to provide penalties for unauthorized use of water, gas, and electricity. New law retains prior law.

Prior law authorized the city to contract with any person for the erection, maintenance, and operation of waterworks, electric plants, or gas plants for terms not exceeding 25 years and subject to regulation and fixing of rates by the city or the public service commission as provided by law. New law retains prior law.

Prior law authorized the city to enter into such contracts for any utility services. New law removes prior law.

New law provides that no contract for the erection, purchase, or maintenance and operation of waterworks, electric plants, or gas plants can be entered into until submitted to a vote of the qualified electors and approved by a majority of those voting.

Prohibits any court, after the effective date of new law, from issuing an order declaring property taken if the petition for such order was filed by the city of Bastrop pursuant to Act No. 623 of the 2010 R.S. (the Act which granted Bastrop the "quick take" authority removed by new law). Requires return of money deposited with the court pursuant to such a petition.

Effective June 28, 2011.

(Amends Para. (6) and (15) of §5 of Act No. 253 of the 1952 R.S. as amended)