
DIGEST

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HB No. 843

Abstract: Changes provisions relative to the purpose, governance, and funding of the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District.

Present law creates the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District in the Lake Vista area of Orleans Parish as a political subdivision. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the purpose of the district is to aid in crime prevention and to enhance the security of district residents by increasing the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that the purpose of the district is to serve the needs of the residents of the district by funding beautification and other activities and improvements for the overall betterment of the district.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners appointed as follows:

- (1) Three members by the board of directors of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association.
- (2) One member by the member(s) of the La. House of Representatives who represent the district.
- (3) One member by the member(s) of the La. Senate who represent the district.
- (4) One member by the member(s) of the New Orleans governing authority who represent the district.
- (5) One member by the assessor for the second municipal district.

Proposed law instead provides that the seven-member board is appointed as follows:

- (1) Two members by the board of directors of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association.
- (2) Two members by the member(s) of the La. House of Representatives who represent the

district.

- (3) Two members by the member(s) of the La. Senate who represent the district.
- (4) One member by the member of the New Orleans governing authority who represents the district.

Proposed law provides that no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the fee is a flat fee per improved parcel of land. Provides that the amount of the fee is \$350 per year for each improved parcel except that the fee is \$700 per year for each improved parcel with three or more family units. Requires that the fee be imposed on each improved parcel located within the district.

Proposed law removes present law and instead provides that the amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution of the board. Requires that the fee, which shall not exceed \$350 per parcel per year, be imposed on each improved or unimproved single and two family residential parcel and each multiple-dwelling or apartment parcel located within the district. Provides that for purposes of proposed law a single- and two-family residential parcel is defined as a lot or lots on which only one main house is situated and has not more than two municipal addresses. Defines a multiple-dwelling or apartment parcel as each lot in any square that is reserved for multiple-dwelling or apartment use.

Present law provides that the fee may be imposed only after the question of its imposition has been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the initial election on the question of the imposition of the fee to be held at the same time as the 2012 congressional primary election.

Proposed law instead requires the initial election to be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans.

Present law provides that the fee expires not more than eight years from its initial imposition but authorizes renewal not to exceed eight years. Requires that any election to authorize renewal of the fee be held only at the same time as the mayoral primary election in the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law instead provides that the fee expires not more than four years from its initial imposition and authorizes renewal not to exceed four years. Requires that any election to authorize renewal of the fee be held only at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:9091.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill.

1. Makes changes to the district's board, increasing the number of appointments by legislators, reducing the number of appointments by the property owners association, and removing an appointment by the assessor.
2. Prohibits district board members from serving more than two consecutive terms.