
DIGEST

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Edwards

HB No. 905

Abstract: Creates the St. Helena Parish Elderly Services District and authorizes the district to levy ad valorem and sales taxes subject to voter approval.

Proposed law creates the St. Helena Parish Elderly Services District as a special taxing district in St. Helena Parish and a political subdivision of the state to provide services to the elderly residents of the parish. District boundaries shall be coterminous with parish boundaries.

Provides for district governance by a board of commissioners, consisting of five members as follows:

- (1) Each member of the La. House of Representatives representing the area contained in the district shall appoint one member.
- (2) Each member of the La. Senate representing the area contained in the district shall appoint one member.
- (3) The president of the parish governing authority shall appoint one member.
- (4) The board of directors of the St. Helena Council on Aging, Inc., shall appoint one member.

Provides for staggered terms and that members shall serve without compensation. Grants to the district, acting through its board, the following powers and duties:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- (3) To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to proposed law.
- (4) To enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement, pursuant to present constitution, with the St. Helena Council on Aging, Inc., to carry out the district's purpose.
- (5) To purchase items and supplies instrumental to achieving the district's purpose.
- (6) To perform or have performed any other function or activity necessary for the

achievement of district's purchase.

With respect to funding, proposed law authorizes the board to do the following, subject to voter approval:

- (1) Levy annually and cause to be collected an ad valorem tax.
- (2) Levy and collect a sales and use tax within the boundaries of the district, not exceeding one percent.

(Adds R.S. 33:2740.20)