

SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senator Cortez to Engrossed House Bill No. 326 by Representative Barras

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line and insert:
3 "amend and reenact R.S. 47:302.18(B), 322.28(A), and 332.9(A), to enact
4 R.S. 47:338.211, and to repeal R.S. 47:322.28(B), (C), and (D) and 332.9(B),
5 relative to tourism; to provide relative to the Lafayette Parish Visitors
6 Enterprise Fund; to provide for the allocation and distribution of monies in
7 such fund; to create a grants program; to authorize the city of Youngsville to
8 levy a"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 2

10 On page 1, line 2, after "revenues;" insert "to provide for an effective date;"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 3

12 On page 1, delete line 9 and insert the following:

13 "Section 1. R.S. 47:302.18(B), 322.28(A), and 332.9(A) are hereby amended
14 and reenacted and R.S. 47:338.211 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
15 §302.18. Disposition of certain collections in Lafayette Parish

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17 B. (1) The monies in that fund deposited pursuant to this Section shall be
18 subject to annual appropriation by the legislature and shall be used as follows:

19 (a) For the payment of lease payments and principal, interest, or premiums,
20 and other obligations associated with the issuance and security of bonds or other
21 evidences of indebtedness issued under the provisions of R.S. 47:322.28 for
22 improvements at or adjacent to the Cajundome site.

23 (b) After providing each fiscal year for the full payment of any obligations
24 set forth under Subparagraph (a) of this Subsection, two hundred thousand dollars
25 to the Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission for the purpose of
26 funding a grant program benefitting museums located in Lafayette Parish and
27 tourism in Lafayette Parish, specifically including the restoration of historic sites and
28 buildings located in Lafayette Parish.

29 (c) After providing each fiscal year for the full payment of obligations as set
30 forth under Subparagraph (a) and contribution to the Lafayette Parish Convention
31 and Visitors Commission as set forth under Subparagraph (b) of this Subsection,
32 for planning, development, and capital improvements at or adjacent to the Cajundome
33 site.

34 (2)(a) The Lafayette Parish Convention and Visitors Commission shall
35 distribute funds received pursuant to Subparagraph (1)(b) of this Subsection as grants
36 to local government agencies and nonprofit organizations for the purposes specified
37 in Subparagraph (1)(b). Funding through the grant program shall be subject to
38 availability and shall be awarded on a competitive basis. Each successful applicant
39 for funding shall supplement grant funds with a one hundred percent match from
40 other sources, at least fifty percent of which shall be a cash match. All matching
41 funds must be available to the program after the date of the grant award. Funds spent
42 prior to the grant award shall not be considered in fulfillment of the match
43 requirement.

44 (b) The grant program created by this Paragraph shall be administered by a
45 committee comprised as follows:

46 (i) The executive director of the Lafayette Convention and Visitors
47 Commission, who shall serve as chair for the committee.

48 (ii) One members appointed by the city-parish president of Lafayette Parish.

1 (iii) One members appointed by the president of the University of Louisiana
2 at Lafayette.

3 (iv) One member appointed by each member of the Louisiana House of
4 Representatives who represent House District Numbers 31, 39, 43, 44, and 45.

5 (v) One member appointed by each member of the Louisiana Senate who
6 represent Senate District Numbers 23 and 24.

7 (c) The committee shall establish policies and guidelines, consistent with the
8 provision of this Subparagraph, for grant eligibility, match eligibility, submission of
9 applications, evaluation and awarding of grants, a monitoring process, penalties for
10 failure to meet performance obligations, and any other matters necessary for the
11 administration of the program.

12 (d) At the end of a fiscal year, any funding not allocated in grants or grant
13 funds returned in closing out a grant award shall be deposited in the Lafayette Parish
14 Visitor Enterprise Fund and considered part of the following year's avails.

15 (e) The appointed members of the committee shall serve without
16 compensation.

17 (3) For the purposes of this Section, "capital improvements" shall mean
18 expenditures for acquiring lands, buildings, equipment, or other permanent
19 properties, or for their construction, preservation, development, or permanent
20 improvement, or for payment of principal, interest, or premium, if any, and other
21 obligations incident to the issuance, security, and payment of bonds or other
22 evidences of indebtedness associated therewith.

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24 §322.28. Disposition of certain collections in Lafayette Parish

25 ~~A.~~ The avails of the tax imposed by this Chapter from the sales of services
26 as defined by R.S. 47:301(14)(a) in Lafayette Parish under the provisions of R.S.
27 47:321(C) and 322 shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and
28 after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all of the obligations
29 secured by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within
30 any fiscal year, the treasurer shall pay the remainder of such funds into ~~a special fund~~
31 ~~which is hereby created in the state treasury and designated as the "Lafayette Parish~~
32 ~~Visitor Enterprise Fund"~~. the Lafayette Parish Visitors Enterprise Fund created
33 pursuant to R.S. 47:302.18. The monies in the fund shall be used in accordance with
34 the provisions of R.S. 47:302.18.

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36 §332.9. Disposition of certain collections in parish of Lafayette

37 ~~A.~~ The avails of the tax imposed by R.S. 47:331 from the sale of services as
38 defined in R.S. 47:301(14)(a) in the parish of Lafayette under the provisions of R.S.
39 47:331(C) and 332 shall be credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund and
40 after a sufficient amount is allocated from that fund to pay all the obligations secured
41 by the full faith and credit of the state which become due and payable within any
42 fiscal year, the treasurer shall pay the remainder of such fund into ~~a special fund~~
43 ~~which is hereby created in the state treasury and designated as the "Lafayette Parish~~
44 ~~Visitor Enterprise Fund"~~. the Lafayette Parish Visitors Enterprise Fund created
45 pursuant to R.S. 47:302.18. The monies in the fund shall be used in accordance with
46 the provisions of R.S. 47:302.18.

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48 AMENDMENT NO. 4

49 On page 2, after line 24, insert the following:

50 "Section 2. R.S 47:322.28(B), (C), and (D) and 332.9(B) are hereby repealed
51 in their entirety.

52 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013; if vetoed by the
53 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
54 effective on July 1, 2013, or on the day following such approval by the legislature,
55 whichever is later."