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JAMES H. "Jim" BROWN
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 476

House Bill No. 473.

By: Messrs. Cain, Ackal, Adley, Andrepont, Blount, Bolin, Borne, Deen, DeWitt, Fowler and Kennard and Mrs. Lowenthal and Messrs. McFerren, Bradley, Diesi, Lemoine, Russell, Sittig, Theriot, Thibodeaux, and Travis and Senators Atkins, Bagert, Bagneris, Bares, Barham, Brinkhaus, Chabert, Cross, Ginn, Hudson, Jefferson, Jumonville, Kelly, Kiefer, Lauricella, McPherson, Newman, Picard, Poston, Rayburn, Saunders, Sevario, Swearingen, Tarver, Turnley, Windhorst and Nunez.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2(A) of Act No. 541 of the 1976 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, as amended by Act No. 499 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and Act No. 927 of the 1981 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to the Board of Commissioners of the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District, to increase the membership of the board from five to seven members to be appointed by the governor, to provide for Senate reconfirmation of appointments, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Section 2(A) of Act No. 541 of the 1976 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, as amended by Act No. 499 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and Act No. 927 of the 1981 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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Section 2. A. The Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District shall be governed by a board of commissioners which shall be composed of seven members appointed by the governor. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation and shall again be submitted to the Senate for confirmation in 1986 and every two years thereafter. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, and the governor shall designate the chairman. A majority of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum. No person shall be eligible for board membership who holds local, municipal, parish, state, or federal elective office or any local, municipal, parish, state, or federal nonelective office or employment. In addition, any member of the board shall be deemed to have resigned his board membership upon acceptance of any nonelective office or employment with any local, municipal, parish, state, or federal governmental body or upon qualifying as a candidate for any elective office. Each member shall receive a per diem of fifty dollars while in attendance of board meetings or on business of the board directed by the board and in addition shall be reimbursed for actual travel expenses incurred in connection therewith.

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Section 2. The terms of all gubernatorial appointees serving on the board of commissioners of the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District at twelve o'clock noon on July 16, 1984 shall be deemed to have terminated as of July 16, 1984; however, any such member shall remain in office until his successor is appointed and takes office.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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Secretary of State.

ACT No. 477

House Bill No. 487.

By: Mr. Kember.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:285, relative to offenses against the state, to define the crime of improper telephone communications,

ACT No. 927

House Bill No. 1281.

By: Messrs. Simoneaux and Grisbaum and Senators Windhorst and Casey and Messrs. Accardo, Alario, Bleich, Bruneau, Carson, Charbonnet, Crosby, D'Gerolamo, Dastugue, DeWitt, Diez, Dimos, Dischler, Doucet, Downer, Ensinger, Fair, Gaudin, Gee, Gomez, J. Jackson, Jenkins, Kember, Kimball, Laborde, Lalonde, Lancaster, Long, Lynn, McFerren, McVea, O'Neal, Reilly, Schmitt, Scogin, Soileau, Sour, Theriot, M. Thompson, Watermeier, Weaver and Senators Jefferson and Richey.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Subsection A of Section 2 of Act No. 541 of the 1976 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, as amended by Act No. 499 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to the Board of Commissioners of the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District, to provide for the appointment and terms of office of the members thereof, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subsection A of Section 2 of Act No. 541 of the 1976 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, as amended by Act No. 499 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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Section 2. A. The Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District shall be governed by a board of commissioners which shall be composed of five members appointed by the governor. Each member shall be subject to Senate confirmation at the first regular session of the legislature after appointment and again at the first regular session of the legislature following the commencement of the next succeeding gubernatorial term and appointment. Each member shall serve a term concurrent with that of the governor making the appointment. All members shall be appointed from the state at large. No person shall be eligible for board membership who holds local, municipal, parish, state, or federal elective office or any local, municipal, parish, state, or federal non-elective office or employment. In

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addition, any member of the board shall be deemed to have resigned his board membership upon acceptance of any non-elective office or employment with any local, municipal, parish, state, or federal governmental body or upon qualifying as a candidate for any elective office. Each member shall receive a per diem of fifty dollars while in attendance of board meetings or on business of the board directed by the board and in addition shall be reimbursed for actual travel expenses incurred in connection therewith.

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Section 2. The terms of the members in office prior to twelve o'clock noon on September 1, 1981, shall be deemed to have terminated as of September 1, 1981; however, any such member shall remain in office until his successor is appointed and takes office.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on September 1, 1981.

Section 4. If any provision or item of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

Section 5. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved by the Governor: August 2, 1981.

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A true copy:

JAMES H. "Jim" BROWN
Secretary of State.

Senate Bill No. 712.

By: Messrs. Kiefer, Mouton, Brown, Brinkhaus, Doucet, Duval, Eagan, Gerald, Gibbs, Lauricella, Nunez, O'Keefe, Rayburn, Tiemann, and Windhorst, and Representatives Freeman, Tauzin, Leach, Wall, Ackal, Alario, Chabert, Charbonnet, Delpit, D'Gerolamo, Downer, Dupuis, Fowler, Hogan, A. Jackson, J. Jackson, Jasper, Kimball, R. Laborde, Long, Leithman, Miller, Patti, Rice, Shannon, Strain, F. Thompson, Toca, Turnley, and Vidrine.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Paragraph (3) of Section 1, Subsection A of Section 2 and Paragraph (1), Paragraph (4), Paragraph (5), and Paragraph (6) of Section 3 of Act No. 541 of the 1976 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, relative to the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District, to provide with respect to the board of commissioners of said district, to provide for the membership of said board, to provide with respect to the powers, duties, and authorities to be exercised by the board, and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Paragraph (3) of Section 1, Subsection A of Section 2, Paragraphs (1), (4), (5), and (6) of and Section 3 of Act No. 541 of the 1976 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 1. As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter ascribed to each:

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(3) "Management" means and includes the administration, operation, and maintenance of the properties.

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Section 2. A. The Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District shall be governed by a board of commissioners which shall be composed of five members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, to terms of five years. The terms of the present members of the board shall be fixed by the governor so that the term of one of the members expires on July 1 of the years 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, and 1983, respectively. One member shall be appointed from each public service district in the state. No person shall be eligible for board membership who holds local, municipal, parish, state, or federal elective office or any local, municipal, parish, state or federal non-elective office or employment. In addition, any member of the board shall be deemed to have resigned his board membership upon acceptance of any non-elective office or employment with any local, municipal, parish, state, or federal

governmental body or upon qualifying as a candidate for any elective office. Each member shall receive a per diem of fifty dollars while in attendance of board meetings or on business of the board directed by the board and in addition shall be reimbursed for actual travel expenses incurred in connection therewith.

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Section 3. The board shall have the following specific purposes, powers, and duties:

(1) Be responsible for the servicing of and retirement of the principal of and interest on all bonds issued by the district and for the issuance of any refunding bonds under the authority of Section 47 of Article 14 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921, continued as a statute by Article XIV, Section 16(A)(10) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of said Section 47 of Article 14 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921 or any other laws to the contrary, any refunding bonds issued by the district shall be sold for and on behalf of the district by the State Bond Commission in such manner, upon such terms and at such prices, at public or negotiated sale, as said commission may determine to be in the best interests of the state and the district. The board shall continue to function as the governing authority of the district until the principal of and interest on all bonds heretofore issued or any refunding bonds hereafter issued has been paid and retired as set out in the bond resolution.

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(4) Serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the person or organization charged with the management of the properties and financial matters pertaining to the properties.

(5) Exercise those powers, authorities, and functions required by or deriving from the lease agreement and the bond resolution with respect to the collection of taxes heretofore levied, the retirement of bonds heretofore or hereafter issued, and financial matters, which the lease agreement and the bond resolution required to be handled by a board of commissioners.

(6) Act as the representative of the state and the governor in all matters incidental to the performance of the management* contract approved by Act No. 64 of the 1977 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, and perform such other functions, powers, or duties as the governor may require or delegate to the board or as may be prescribed or required by the bond resolution.

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*As it appears in the enrolled bill.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the Governor or, if not signed by him, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without his signature, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the constitution.

Section 3. If any provision or item of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

Section 4. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved by the Governor: July 10, 1978.

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A true copy:

PAUL J. HARDY
Secretary of State.

ACT No. 541

Senate Bill No. 600.

By: Messrs. Kiefer, Mouton, Brown
and Windhorst and Representa-
tives Freeman and Tauzin.

AN ACT

Relative to the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District, to provide with respect to the Board of Commissioners of said district; to provide with respect to the management and operation of the properties of the district; to provide with respect to the lease and management and operating agreement; to provide with respect to the powers, duties, and authorities to be exercised in connection with the district; to authorize the sale of the properties of the district with legislative approval; to repeal Section 2 of Act 651 of the 1974 Regular Session of the Legislature; to repeal Paragraph B of Section 47 of Article 14 of the 1921 Louisiana Constitution, continued as a statute by Article XIV, Section 16(A) (10) of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution and other conflicting laws; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. As used in this Act, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter ascribed to each:

(1) "Board" means the Board of Commissioners of the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District.

(2) "Lease agreement" means the "Lease Agreement dated as of February 1, 1969," and executed between the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District and the state of Louisiana, and amendments thereto.

(3) "Management" means and includes the administration, operation, and maintenance of the properties and business affairs of the district in accordance with but not limited to the provisions of this Act.

(4) "Bond resolution" means collectively the basic bond resolution adopted by the board of commissioners of the district on February 21, 1969, authorizing the issuance of hotel occupancy tax and lease-rental revenue bonds and all series resolutions and all other resolutions amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto adopted in accordance with the provisions thereof.

(5) "Properties" means and includes the domed stadium and all other lands, facilities, appurtenances, and similar real and personal property now or hereafter belonging to or under the control of the district.

Section 2. A. The Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District shall be governed by a board of commissioners, which shall be composed of five members appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by the Senate, to serve at his pleasure. One member shall be appointed from each of the public service districts in the state. No person shall be eligible for appointment to membership on the board who is holding any local, municipal, parish, state, or federal elective office or any local, municipal, parish, state, or federal nonelective office. In addition, any member of the board shall be deemed to have resigned his board membership upon accepting any nonelective position with any local, municipal, parish, state, or federal governmental body or upon filing an official announcement of candidacy for any elective office. Each member shall receive a per diem of fifty dollars for each day in attendance at meetings of the board or on business of the board directed by the board and, in addition, shall be reimbursed for actual travel expenses incurred in connection therewith.

B. The domicile of the district shall be in the City of New Orleans.

C. There shall be a chairman of the board, appointed by the governor and such other officers as the board shall determine, who shall be elected by the board.

D. Meetings shall be held at the domicile of the district upon call of the governor, the chairman, or a majority of the members. Three

members shall constitute a quorum and actions of the board shall require the vote of at least three members. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

Section 3. The board shall have the following specific purposes, powers, and duties and no others:

(1) Be responsible for the servicing of and retirement of the principal of and interest on all bonds issued by the district and for the issuance of any refunding bonds under the authority of Section 47 of Article 14 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921, continued as a statute by Article XIV, Section 16(A)(10) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of said Section 47 of Article 14 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921 or any other laws to the contrary, any refunding bonds issued by the district shall be sold for and on behalf of the district by the State Bond Commission in such manner, upon such terms and at such prices, at public or negotiated sale, as said Commission may determine to be in the best interests of the State and the District. The board shall continue to function as the governing authority of the district for the limited purposes and with the authority conferred by this Section until the principal of and interest on all bonds heretofore issued or any refunding bonds hereafter issued have been paid and retired.

(2) Adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary for the performance of its authorized purposes, and keep records of all proceedings, which shall be public records.

(3) Designate one newspaper of general circulation in each of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson as its official journals and publish its proceedings in each of them promptly after each meeting.

(4) Serve in an advisory capacity to the governor and the person or persons charged with the management of the properties and financial matters pertaining to the properties heretofore or hereafter constructed or acquired for the district.

(5) Exercise those powers, authorities and functions required by or deriving from the lease agreement with respect to the collection of taxes heretofore levied, the retirement of bonds heretofore or hereafter issued, and financial matters, if any, which the lease agreement requires to be handled by a board of commissioners.

(6) Perform such other functions, powers, or duties as the governor may require or delegate to the board or as may be prescribed or required by the Bond resolution.

(7) All administrative duties requiring staff assistance to the board shall be furnished from the personnel of the District who are under the direction of the executive director or management organization. The board shall not employ any staff for any purpose unless approved by the governor.

Section 4. A. Pursuant to the authority of Section 11 of the lease agreement and constitutional and statutory authority relative thereto, the state of Louisiana, through the office of the governor, hereby assumes and hereafter shall have and exercise all power and authority over the management of the properties now or hereafter belonging to or under the control of the district including the supplying of all utilities and other services to such properties. These powers shall include but not be limited to the fixing of salaries and wages of personnel; purchasing of materials and supplies; procuring all security, custodial, and janitorial services and supervising the performance of such services; procuring all utilities or other services necessary for the efficient and effective operation and maintenance of the properties. No lease of the entire facility shall be executed without the approval of a majority of the elected members of the legislature.

B. The power and authority of the Board under the management and operating agreement between the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District and the state of Louisiana, dated February 1, 1969, and all power and authority over the management of and the supplying of all utility and other services to the properties of said district is and hereafter shall be vested in and exercised by the state of Louisiana, through the office of the governor, subject to the provisions of this Act.

Section 5. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, the governor, for the state, is authorized, at his discretion, to delegate the management of the properties to an executive director or to a professional management organization. As used in this Act, the term "professional management organization" means a person, firm or corporation having experience, expertise and specializing in the management and operation of sports, entertainment or convention facilities.

Section 6. A. If the governor determines that the best interests of the district and of the state will be served by placing the management of the properties in an executive director, he shall appoint a person to serve in that capacity, subject to confirmation by the Senate. The person so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of and at a salary determined by the governor.

B. The executive director, with approval of the governor, shall appoint an assistant director for sales, an assistant director for administration and finance, and an assistant director for operations. The assistant directors shall serve at the pleasure of and at a salary fixed by the executive director. The duties, functions, and responsibilities of each of the assistant directors shall be fixed by the executive director, and such duties, functions, and responsibilities shall be performed under the direct supervision of the executive director.

C. The executive director shall be responsible for the management of the properties of the district for and on behalf of the state, through the governor, and shall:

- (1) Maintain such office and other space in the stadium as is necessary to carry out the functions, duties, and responsibilities required by this Act, the lease, and the management and operating agreement, and to assure the effective and economical management of the properties.
- (2) Employ and fix the salaries of all personnel necessary for the proper management of the properties in the manner contemplated by this Act, the lease, and the bond resolution. He shall determine the duties and shall be responsible for the supervision and direction of the activities of all personnel. For this purpose, he shall establish written rules, regulations, and procedures governing the employment of all personnel.
- (3) Have general supervision over and responsibility for the day to day operations of the properties and over all administrative and managerial personnel, including but not by way of limitation, accountants, attorneys, management and financial consultants, engineers, and superintendents, to the end that the properties will be managed in such manner as will assure the production of maximum revenues therefrom and maximum benefits to the public.
- (4) For and on behalf of the state perform all obligations imposed upon the state under the lease agreement, particularly by Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, and 16 thereof, except those obligations required by this Act to be performed by the board.
- (5) Be responsible for all purchases of personnel services, materials and supplies, equipment, and like items necessary for the management of the properties.
- (6) Be responsible for the procurement and maintenance of all insurance required by the lease to be procured and maintained by the district for the state thereunder.
- (7) Establish and maintain such funds and accounts as are required by good accounting practices, by the provisions of the bond resolution, or by law.
- (8) Obtain, verify, and approve for payment all bills for any taxes, licenses, fees, insurance, or bond premiums, and for water, power, heat, air conditioning, sewer services, waste and garbage disposal, and all other charges and expenses assessable against the properties of the district or incurred in connection with the management of the properties.
- (9) Keep and maintain at all times complete and accurate books, records, and accounts relating to the management of the properties, which shall be available for inspection, examination, and audit at all

reasonable times by the legislative auditor and such other parties, including holders of bonds of the district, as have a legitimate interest in the district.

(10) Cause such books, records, and accounts to be audited annually in accordance with Section 17 (I) of the Bond Resolution and also the legislative auditor, and within one hundred twenty days after the close of each fiscal year file certified copies of such audits with the state treasurer and such other persons as are designated in the bond resolution.

(11) Prepare and submit to the governor, the commissioner of administration, and the state treasurer, on a monthly basis, itemized statements of receipts and disbursements incurred in connection with the management of the properties.

(12) Establish a reasonable schedule of rates, charges, and fees for the use of the services and facilities of the properties which are designed to produce the maximum revenue, consistent with the purposes for which the properties have been developed.

(13) Negotiate or renegotiate for and supervise the letting of all contracts with respect to the sublease and use of all or any portion of the properties, including the licensing of and contracting with concessionaires, but subject to rules and regulations which shall be adopted therefor.

(14) Make all collections from sublessees of the state and all concessionaires and other users of the properties and deposit the funds so collected in the Domes Stadium Revenue Fund as provided for in Section 4 of the operating and management agreement.

(15) Negotiate or renegotiate for and supervise the letting of all contracts for the repair, maintenance, renewal, and replacement of the properties of the district, and supervise and oversee the performance of such contracts.

(16) Supervise and administer all advertising and informational activities for the benefit of the properties and all professional services rendered in connection therewith.

(17) Have authority to and shall proceed without delay to negotiate or renegotiate any contract with any private person or firm for any specific management, operation, or maintenance agreement relating to the properties of the district. He shall determine the terms and conditions of any contract so negotiated or renegotiated, but shall include therein such stipulations as are necessary to assure efficient, economical management of the properties and the full protection of the properties in the interest of the state and the district. He shall not relinquish any policy making power, duty, or authority, and each contract shall stipulate that he retains and shall exercise full rights of oversight during the term of any contract.

(18) Shall require an annual and such other periodic financial and other reports, data, and statements as are deemed necessary from each sublessee, contractor and subcontractor. He shall make a detailed written report of the financial and other operations of the facilities to the governor and to each member of the legislature not later than the first day of each regular session of the legislature.

(19) Perform such other functions, not inconsistent herewith, as are necessary to the management of the properties.

Section 7. If the governor determines that the best interests of the state will be served by having a professional management organization to manage the properties of the District, he is authorized and empowered, without compliance with any other statutory provisions relative to public contracts, to negotiate and enter into a contract or contracts with a professional management organization with respect to the management and operation of said properties as an independent contractor upon such terms and conditions as he deems advisable; provided that any such contract or contracts are:

(1) Approved by the Board; and

(2) Approved by a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature at either a regular or special session of the legislature or by mail balloting conducted by the Interim Emergency Board substantially in accordance with the balloting procedures contained in R.S. 39:461.1; and

(3) Provided that no such contract or contracts shall impair any obligations of the state of Louisiana or the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District under the Bond resolution or Lease agreement.

Section 8. If on the effective date of this Act the governor has not selected an executive director or a professional management organization, he may appoint a person to serve as acting executive director. The person so appointed shall assume the duties of the office on the effective date of this Act and shall serve until the executive director or professional management organization is appointed and assumes such duties.

Section 9. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Act and the provisions of the lease with respect to the use of the monies of the district required for the payment of the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness the provisions of the lease shall prevail over the provisions of this Act. To this end, the legislature hereby recognizes the funds and accounts provided for in the lease agreement and such other funds as are required to be established and maintained for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the lease and bond resolutions; however, nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit any amendment or the termination of the lease agreement after the effective date of this Act.

Section 10. It is the intent of this Act that the state of Louisiana, through the governor, hereby takes over and assumes full responsibility for the management of the properties.

Section 11. The board, as constituted and provided for by this Act, shall be the legal successor to the board originally created by Article 14, Section 47 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921.

Section 12. A. The legislature hereby specifically declares that this Act is in no way and to no extent intended to nor shall it be construed in any manner which will impair the bonded debt obligations of the district or of the state of Louisiana.

B. All funds heretofore dedicated by or under authority of the constitution and laws of this state to the payment of any bonds issued for construction or improvements for any properties of or under the control of the district shall continue to be collected and dedicated to the payment of those bonds. In like manner, all other dedications and allocations of revenues and sources of revenues heretofore made, which are constitutional under the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, shall continue, until otherwise hereafter provided by the constitution or laws, in the same manner, to the same extent, and for the same purposes as were provided prior to the enactment of this Act.

Section 13. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the state of Louisiana, through the governor, is authorized to negotiate for the sale of and sell the properties belonging to the district, including the domed stadium. However, prior to any sale, such sale shall require the prior approval of a majority of the elected members of each house of the legislature while in regular or special session or of 2/3 of the elected members of each house of the legislature by mail ballot.

Section 14. If any provision or item of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Act are hereby declared severable.

Section 15. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and particularly Section 2 of Act 651 of the 1974 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and Paragraph B of Section 47 of Article 14 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921, continued as statute by Article XIV, Section 16(A)(10) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, are hereby repealed.

Section 16. This Act shall become effective immediately upon signature of the governor or, if not acted upon by the governor, upon the lapse of the time within which the governor may act upon the bill.

Section 17. Any provisions of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, any purchases or contracts entered into by the

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Board or by the executive director shall be in accordance with the public bid laws of this State provided, that in the event a contract is entered into with a professional management organization under the provisions of this Act nothing contained in this section should be applicable to contracts entered into by the said professional management organization with third parties.

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PAUL J. HARDY
Secretary of State.