

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 415

BY REPRESENTATIVES GAINES AND MARCELLE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TOURISM: Provides for the creation of tourism recovery and improvement districts

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 11-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
3 comprised of R.S. 33:4600.1 through 4600.11, relative to tourism; to provide for the  
4 creation of tourism recovery and improvement districts by tourist commissions; to  
5 provide relative to the powers granted to tourist commissions with respect to such  
6 districts; to provide relative to assessments levied on businesses by tourist  
7 commissions; to provide for definitions; to provide limitations; to provide for  
8 severability; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. Chapter 11-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
11 comprised of R.S. 33:4600.1 through 4600.11, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 CHAPTER 11-A. LOUISIANA TOURISM RECOVERY AND  
13 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

14 §4600.1. Legislative findings

15 The legislature hereby finds and declares all of the following:

- 16 (1) There is a direct correlation between the amount of funds spent on  
17 destination-based marketing, sales, and promotion of a locality and an increase in the  
18 number of conventions, meetings, visitors, occupancy of lodging businesses, retail  
19 sales of food, beverages, and other items, admissions to cultural and other  
20 entertainment venues, collections of related state and local sales and use taxes, job

1 creation, and a resulting general economic vitality of the traveler economy and  
2 related businesses in the locality.

3 (2) It is in the state's public interest, and vital to the welfare of the state's  
4 economy, to facilitate and encourage cooperating public-private partnerships for the  
5 enhancement and expansion of the business economy and to provide for increased  
6 business activity, tourism, economic development, and job creation in municipalities  
7 and parishes in the state of Louisiana.

8 §4600.2. Purpose

9 The purpose of this Chapter is to facilitate the collection of supplementary  
10 funds to market and promote destinations in the state to provide for increased  
11 economic activity within its traveler economy, including increases in conventions,  
12 meetings, visitors, hotel occupancy, food, beverage and other retail sales, tourism,  
13 including cultural and family tourism, tourism business job creation, tourism  
14 economic development, and other tourism related purposes.

15 §4600.3. Definitions

16 As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed  
17 to them unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 (1) "Activities" means marketing, promotions, sales efforts, events, and any  
19 other services that are reasonably related to the enhancement of tourism.

20 (2) "Assessed business" means a business operated by a business owner who  
21 is required to pay an assessment pursuant to this Chapter.

22 (3) "Assessment" means the levy imposed pursuant to this Chapter. An  
23 assessment may be levied based on a fixed amount, rate per transaction, fixed rate  
24 per transaction per day, percentage of sales, any combination of these methods, or  
25 any other method that confers benefit to the payor.

26 (4) "Business" means any type of tourism business, including but not limited  
27 to any tourist home, hotel, motel, or trailer court accommodations, recreational  
28 vehicle park, privately owned or managed campgrounds, other lodging intended for

1 short-term occupancy, restaurant, tourism attraction, activity provider, and other  
2 tourism businesses that benefit from the visitor economy.

3 (5) "Business owner" means any person recognized by the tourist  
4 commissioners as the owner of the business subject to assessment. A tourist  
5 commissioner may request a list of all businesses from the Louisiana secretary of  
6 state to confirm business information regarding entity name, status, date of  
7 incorporation, organization, registration, current registered office address, registered  
8 agent name, and address, and the names and addresses of current officers, directors,  
9 members, and managers. The list shall be final and conclusive in the determination  
10 of ownership of any such business. If the signature of a business owner is required  
11 by any provision of this Chapter, the signature of the authorized agent of the business  
12 owner shall be sufficient.

13 (6) "Improvement" means the acquisition, construction, installation, or  
14 maintenance of any corporeal property with an estimated useful life of five years or  
15 more that is reasonably related to the enhancement of tourism.

16 (7) "Management plan" means a plan adopted or amended pursuant to this  
17 Chapter for the development, redevelopment, maintenance, operation, and promotion  
18 of a tourism recovery and improvement district.

19 (8) "Person" means an individual, public entity, firm, corporation,  
20 partnership, limited liability company, trust, association, or any other business entity  
21 or juridical person, whether operating on a for-profit or nonprofit basis.

22 (9) "Surcharge" means any charge to the consumer that is required to be paid  
23 for goods and services that is passed through to the consumer as a charge on the  
24 customer's receipt or guest folio.

25 (10) "Tourist commission" means a political subdivision created pursuant to  
26 R.S. 33:4574(B) for the purpose of promoting tourism within its respective  
27 jurisdiction. "Tourist commission" does not mean the Jefferson Convention and  
28 Visitors Bureau, Inc., or any tourism organization domiciled in Orleans Parish,  
29 including New Orleans & Company.

1           (1) "Tourist commissioners" means the members of the governing body of  
2           a tourist commission.

3           §4600.4. Initiation of proceedings; petition

4           A.(1) A tourist commission may initiate proceedings to form a tourism  
5           recovery and improvement district upon the written petition of the owners or  
6           authorized representatives of the owners or authorized representatives of businesses  
7           in the district, signed by either of the following:

8                   (a) The business owners in the proposed tourism recovery and improvement  
9                   district who will pay more than sixty-seven percent of the assessments proposed to  
10                  be levied.

11                   (b) More than sixty-seven percent of the total assessed businesses by  
12                  number.

13           (2) In the case of a petition weighted by the amount of assessment proposed  
14           to be levied as described in Subparagraph (1)(a) of this Subsection, the amount of  
15           assessment attributable to a business owned by the same business owner that is in  
16           excess of fifty percent of the amount of all assessments proposed to be levied, shall  
17           not exceed the value of fifty percent in determining whether the petition is signed by  
18           business owners who will pay more than sixty-seven percent of the total amount of  
19           assessments proposed to be levied.

20           B. The petition of business owners required in Subsection A of this Section  
21           shall include a summary of the management plan. That summary shall include all  
22           of the following:

23                   (1) A map showing the boundaries of the tourism recovery and improvement  
24                  district.

25                   (2) Information specifying where the complete management plan can be  
26                  obtained.

27                   (3) Information specifying that the complete management plan shall be  
28                  furnished upon request.

1           (4) All signatures on petitions shall be accompanied by a self-affirmation in  
2           the manner provided in R.S. 33:4600.5.

3           §4600.5. Self-affirmation; penalties

4           A. The self-affirmation on a petition shall state the following: "I state, under  
5           penalty of law, that to my knowledge and belief the facts stated in the petition are  
6           true, that my signature and name are as shown on this petition, and that I have signed  
7           this petition or have been duly authorized to sign this petition by the entity identified  
8           hereunder".

9           B. A self-affirmation on a petition shall not be valid after one year has  
10          elapsed between the date of the self-affirmation as shown on the petition and the date  
11          the petition is filed with the tourist commission under R.S. 33:4600.4.

12          C. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a self-affirmation shall be  
13          presumed valid unless competent evidence to the contrary is presented to and  
14          accepted by the tourist commission manager or the tourist commissioner determines  
15          otherwise.

16          D. If a person eligible to sign a petition is no longer capable of signing his  
17          name, such person may affirm by making a mark on the self-affirmation, with or  
18          without assistance, witnessed by the signature of another person.

19          E. It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to make a false statement  
20          on a self-affirmation on any petition filed under this Chapter. Any signature  
21          presented to the tourist commission shall serve as the equivalent of the business  
22          owner having been administered an oath or affirmation, acknowledging that the facts  
23          contained in the petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, subject to  
24          the penalties for perjury or false swearing.

25          F. It shall be unlawful for any person to, by use of force or any other means,  
26          unduly influence a person to sign a petition or to not sign a petition, falsely make,  
27          alter, forge, or counterfeit any petition before or after it has been filed as provided  
28          in R.S. 33:4600.4, or to destroy, deface, mutilate, or tamper with any petition before  
29          or after it has been filed as provided in R.S. 33:4600.4.

1        §4600.6. Contents of management plan

2                The management plan shall include all of the following:

3                (1) A map that identifies the tourism recovery and improvement district  
4 boundaries in sufficient detail to allow a business owner to reasonably determine  
5 whether a business is located within the boundaries of the tourism recovery and  
6 improvement district.

7                (2) The name of the proposed tourism recovery and improvement district.

8                (3) A description of the boundaries of the tourism recovery and improvement  
9 district, including the boundaries of benefit zones, proposed for establishment or  
10 extension in a manner sufficient to identify the affected businesses included, which  
11 may be made by reference to any plan or map that is on file with the tourist  
12 commission. The boundaries of a tourism recovery and improvement district created  
13 pursuant to this Chapter may overlap the boundaries of any other tourism recovery  
14 and improvement district created pursuant to this Chapter and the boundaries of other  
15 assessment districts established pursuant to law.

16                (4) The estimated cost of improvements, maintenance, and activities or the  
17 estimated assessment rate charged, or both. If the improvements, maintenance, and  
18 activities proposed for each year of operation are the same, a description of the first  
19 year's proposed improvements, maintenance, and activities and a statement that the  
20 same improvements, maintenance, and activities are proposed for subsequent years  
21 shall satisfy the requirements of this Paragraph.

22                (5) The total annual amount proposed to be expended for improvements,  
23 maintenance, or activities, and debt service in each year of operation of the tourism  
24 recovery and improvement district. This amount may be estimated based upon the  
25 assessment rate. If the total annual amount proposed to be expended in each year of  
26 operation of the tourism recovery and improvement district is not significantly  
27 different, the amount proposed to be expended in the initial year and a statement that  
28 a similar amount applies to subsequent years shall satisfy the requirements of this  
29 Paragraph.

1           (6) The proposed source or sources of financing, including the proposed  
2           method and basis of levying the assessment in sufficient detail to allow each business  
3           owner to calculate the amount of the assessment to be levied against his business. If  
4           the assessment is levied on a percentage basis, the maximum assessment rate shall  
5           not exceed five percent. If the assessment is levied on a dollar amount basis, the  
6           total assessment rate shall not exceed five dollars.

7           (7) A statement as to whether bonds will be issued to finance improvements.

8           (8) The time and manner of collecting the assessments.

9           (9) The specific number of years in which assessments shall be levied. In  
10          a new tourism recovery and improvement district, the maximum number of years  
11          shall be five. Upon renewal, a tourism recovery and improvement district shall have  
12          a term not to exceed ten years. Notwithstanding these limitations, in order to finance  
13          capital improvements with bonds, a tourism recovery and improvement district may  
14          levy assessments until the maximum maturity of the bonds. The management plan  
15          may set forth specific increases in assessments for each year of operation of the  
16          tourism recovery and improvement district.

17          (10) The proposed time for implementation and completion of the  
18          management plan.

19          (11) Any proposed rules and regulations to be applicable to the tourism  
20          recovery and improvement district.

21          (12) A statement that the tourist commission shall provide the  
22          improvements, maintenance, and activities described in the management plan.

23          (13) Any other item or matter required to be incorporated therein by the  
24          tourist commission.

25          §4600.7. Notice; public hearing; majority protest

26          A. If a tourist commission proposes to levy a new or increased business  
27          assessment pursuant to this Chapter, notice shall be mailed to the owners of the  
28          businesses proposed to be assessed. A protest may be made orally or in writing by  
29          any interested person. Every written protest shall be filed with the tourist

1 commission at or before the time fixed for the public hearing. The tourist  
2 commission may waive any irregularity in the form or content of any written protest.  
3 A written protest may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the conclusion of  
4 the public hearing. Each written protest shall contain a description of the business  
5 in which the person subscribing the protest is interested sufficient to identify the  
6 business and, if a person subscribing is not shown on the official records of the city  
7 as the owner of the business, the protest shall contain or be accompanied by written  
8 evidence that the person subscribing is the owner of the business or the authorized  
9 representative. A written protest that does not comply with the requirements of this  
10 Subsection shall not be counted in determining a majority protest.

11 B.(1) If written protests are received from the owners or authorized  
12 representatives of businesses in the proposed tourism recovery and improvement  
13 district who will pay more than sixty-seven percent of the assessments proposed to  
14 be levied or represent more than sixty-seven percent of the total assessed businesses  
15 by number, then no further proceedings to levy the proposed assessment against such  
16 businesses shall be taken for a period of one year from the date of the finding of a  
17 majority protest by the tourist commission.

18 (2) In the case of a protest weighted by the number of owners of businesses  
19 or authorized representatives of businesses who will pay more than sixty-seven  
20 percent of the assessments to be levied, the amount of assessment attributable to a  
21 business owned by the same business owner that is in excess of fifty percent of the  
22 amount of all assessments proposed to be levied, shall not exceed the value of fifty  
23 percent in determining whether the petition is signed by business owners who will  
24 pay more than sixty-seven percent of the total amount of assessments proposed to be  
25 levied.

26 §4600.8. Levy of assessments

27 A. An assessment proposed to be levied pursuant to this Chapter shall be  
28 authorized by a resolution of the tourist commission that describes in general terms  
29 the assessment to be levied and includes a statement that the assessment is to be



1 levied pursuant to this Chapter. The assessment shall be approved in a public  
2 hearing procedure as provided in this Chapter.

3 B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an assessed  
4 business shall place the assessment as a mandatory surcharge on the consumer  
5 receipt or guest folio. All assessments to be passed through to consumers and guests  
6 as surcharges shall be disclosed on all information or communication platforms of  
7 the business in the same manner as are other surcharges, hotel and occupancy taxes,  
8 and sales and use taxes as required by applicable laws and regulations.

9 C. Receipts from any such surcharge for business assessments levied  
10 pursuant to this Chapter are not part of gross receipts or gross revenue for any  
11 purpose, including the calculation of sales revenue or occupancy taxes or state  
12 income taxes and are not part of income pursuant to any lease or operator agreement.  
13 Payment of the assessment to the tourist commission or other person designated for  
14 the purpose of receiving it, shall not be taken as a deduction from income for state  
15 income tax purposes.

16 D. Any assessment levied and passed through to a consumer as a surcharge  
17 in accordance with this Chapter is an enforceable obligation of the consumer to the  
18 same extent as other lawful surcharges.

19 E. Procedures for the collection of business assessments, interest charges,  
20 and penalties for delinquent remittance of business assessments to the tourist  
21 commission or other person designated for the purpose of receiving it, or other  
22 matters incident to the business assessment shall be as provided by resolution.

23 §4600.9. Modification of plan by resolution after public hearing; adoption of  
24 resolution of intention

25 A. The tourist commission may, at any time, modify the management plan.  
26 Any modification of the management plan shall be made in accordance with the  
27 provisions of this Section.

28 B. The tourist commission may modify the management plan after  
29 conducting a public hearing as provided in this Chapter regarding the proposed

1 modifications. The tourist commission may modify the improvements and activities  
2 to be funded with the revenue derived from the levy of the assessments by adopting  
3 a resolution determining to make the modifications after holding a public hearing on  
4 the proposed modifications.

5 C. The tourist commission shall adopt a resolution of intention which states  
6 the proposed modification prior to the public hearing. The public hearing shall be  
7 held not more than ninety days after the adoption of the resolution of intention.

8 §4600.10. Renewal of tourism recovery and improvement district; transfer or refund  
9 of remaining revenues; term limit

10 A. Any tourism recovery and improvement district may be renewed by  
11 following the procedures for establishment as provided in this Section.

12 B.(1) If there are no changes to activities, assessment rates, assessment  
13 method, or boundaries, the tourism recovery and improvement district may be  
14 renewed by conducting a public hearing as provided in this Chapter to determine  
15 whether the tourism recovery and improvement district shall be renewed.

16 (2) If there are changes to activities, assessment rates, assessment method,  
17 or boundaries, the tourism recovery and improvement district may be renewed by  
18 following the procedures for the petition as provided in this Chapter in addition to  
19 the public hearing procedure as provided in this Chapter.

20 C. Upon renewal, any remaining revenues derived from the levy of  
21 assessments, or any revenues derived from the sale of assets acquired with the  
22 revenues, shall be transferred to the renewed tourism recovery and improvement  
23 district. If the renewed tourism recovery and improvement district includes  
24 additional businesses not included in the prior tourism recovery and improvement  
25 district, the remaining revenues shall be spent to benefit only the businesses in the  
26 prior tourism recovery and improvement district. If the renewed tourism recovery  
27 and improvement district does not include businesses included in the prior tourism  
28 recovery and improvement district, the remaining revenues attributable to these  
29 businesses shall be refunded to the owners of these businesses.

1           D. Upon renewal, a tourism recovery and improvement district shall have a  
 2           term not to exceed ten years or, if the tourism recovery and improvement district is  
 3           authorized to issue bonds, until the maximum maturity of those bonds. There is no  
 4           requirement that the boundaries, assessments, improvements, or activities of a  
 5           renewed district be the same as the original or prior tourism recovery and  
 6           improvement district.

7           §4600.11. Dissolution of a tourism recovery and improvement district; procedure

8           A. Any tourism recovery and improvement district that has no outstanding  
 9           indebtedness may be dissolved by resolution of the tourist commissioners by either  
 10          of the following methods:

11           (1) During the operation of the tourism recovery and improvement district,  
 12           there shall be a thirty-day period each year in which assessees may request the  
 13           dissolution of the tourism recovery and improvement district. The first such period  
 14           shall begin one year after the date of establishment of the district and shall continue  
 15           for thirty days. The next such thirty-day period shall begin two years after the date  
 16           of the establishment of the tourism recovery and improvement district. Each  
 17           successive year of operation of the tourism recovery and improvement district shall  
 18           have such a thirty-day period.

19           (2) The tourist commission shall initiate proceedings to dissolve a tourism  
 20           recovery and improvement district upon the written petition of the owners or  
 21           authorized representatives of the owners or authorized representatives of businesses  
 22           in the district, signed by either:

23           (a) The business owners in the proposed tourism recovery and improvement  
 24           district who will pay more than sixty-seven percent of the assessments proposed to  
 25           be levied.

26           (b) More than sixty-seven percent of the total assessed businesses by  
 27           number.

28           B. In the case of a petition weighted by the amount of assessment proposed  
 29           to be levied as described in Subparagraph(A)(2)(a) of this Section, the amount of

1 assessment attributable to a business owned by the same business owner that is in  
2 excess of fifty percent of the amount of all assessments proposed to be levied shall  
3 not exceed the value of fifty percent in determining whether the petition is signed by  
4 business owners who will pay more than sixty-seven percent of the total amount of  
5 assessments proposed to be levied.

6 C. The tourist commission shall adopt a resolution of intention to dissolve  
7 the tourism recovery and improvement district prior to the public hearing provided  
8 for in this Chapter. The resolution shall state the reason for the dissolution and the  
9 time and place of the public hearing. The resolution shall also contain a proposal to  
10 dispose of any assets acquired with the revenues from the assessment levied within  
11 the tourism recovery and improvement district. The notice of the public hearing on  
12 dissolution required by this Section shall be given by mail to the owner of each  
13 business subject to assessment in the tourism recovery and improvement district. The  
14 tourist commission shall conduct a public hearing on dissolution not less than thirty  
15 days after mailing the notice to the business owners. The public hearing shall be  
16 held not more than sixty days after the adoption of the resolution of intention.

17 Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such  
18 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given  
19 effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this  
20 Act are hereby declared severable.

21 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
22 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
23 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
24 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
25 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 415 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes tourist commissions to create tourism recovery and improvement districts to generate funds to aid in the state's traveler economy.

Proposed law authorizes tourist commissions, for the purpose of facilitating the collection of supplementary funds to market and promote destinations in the state, to create tourism recovery and improvement districts upon the written petition of the owners or authorized representatives of the owners or authorized representatives of businesses in the district, signed by either of the following:

- (1) The business owners in the proposed tourism recovery and improvement district who will pay more than 67% of the assessments proposed to be levied.
- (2) More than 67% of the total assessed businesses by number.

Proposed law requires that all petitions be accompanied by a self-affirmation. Provides that a self-affirmation is not valid after one year has elapsed between the date of the self-affirmation as shown on the petition and the date the petition is filed with the tourist commission. Provides that it is unlawful for a person to make a false statement on the self-affirmation and further provides that a person is subject to penalties for perjury or false swearing.

Proposed law requires that the petition include a summary of the management plan. Provides further with respect to the content requirements of the management plan, including the name and the boundaries of the district and the estimated cost of improvements within the district. Authorizes the tourist commission to modify the management plan.

Proposed law provides that a tourist commission may, by resolution, propose to levy an assessment on businesses. Provides that an assessment may be levied based on a fixed amount, rate per transaction, fixed rate per transaction per day, percentage of sales, any combination of these methods, or any other method that confers benefit to the payor.

Proposed law requires that the resolution describe the assessment to be levied in general terms and include a statement that the assessment is to be levied pursuant to proposed law. Requires the tourist commission to give notice by mail to the owners of the businesses proposed to be assessed. Further requires that the resolution provide for the collection of the assessment, interest charges, and penalties for delinquent remittance.

Proposed law provides that in a newly created tourism recovery and improvement district the assessment may be levied for a term not to exceed five years, but the district may be renewed for a term not to exceed 10 years. Proposed law provides that in order to finance capital improvements with bonds, a district may levy assessments until the maximum maturity of the bonds.

Proposed law provides that if there are no changes to activities, assessment rates, assessment method, or boundaries, the district may be renewed by conducting a public hearing pursuant to proposed law. Further provides that if there are changes in these categories, the district may be renewed by following the procedures for the petition and public hearing as provided in proposed law. Provides for the allocation of assessment revenues from the prior district.

Proposed law provides that a protest to the levy of an assessment may be made orally or in writing by any interested person. Requires that every written protest be filed with the tourist commission at or before the time fixed for the public hearing. Proposed law authorizes the tourist commission to waive any irregularity in the form or content of any written protest. Provides that a written protest may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the conclusion of the public hearing. Provides further with respect to the content requirements of the written protest. Provides that if written protests are received from a certain number of business owners then no further proceedings to levy the assessment may take place for one year.

Proposed law requires an assessed business to place the assessment as a mandatory surcharge on the consumer receipt or guest folio. Further requires that all assessments passed through to consumers and guests as surcharges be disclosed on all information or communication platforms of the business in the same manner as other surcharges.

Proposed law provides for the dissolution of a tourism recovery and improvement district by resolution of the tourist commissioners if the district has no outstanding indebtedness and meets either of the following conditions:

- (1) During the operation of the district, there shall be a 30 day period each year in which assessee may request dissolution of the district.
- (2) The tourist commission must initiate proceedings to dissolve a district upon the written petition of the owners or authorized representatives of the owners or authorized representatives of businesses in the district, signed by either:
  - (a) The business owners in the proposed tourism recovery and improvement district who will pay more than 67% percent of the assessments proposed to be levied.
  - (b) More than 67% percent of the total assessed businesses by number.

Proposed law requires that the resolution state the reason for the dissolution and the time and place of the public hearing. Additionally requires that the resolution contain a proposal to dispose of any assets acquired with the revenues from the assessment.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:4600.1-4600.11)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the definition of "assessed business".
2. Remove retail from the definition of "business".
3. Add other tourism businesses that benefit the visitor economy to the definition of "business".
4. Authorize a tourist commissioner to request a list of businesses from the secretary of state to confirm information regarding ownership and provide that the list is final and conclusive as to the ownership of any business.
5. Relative to a petition weighted by the amount of assessment proposed to be levied, increase the maximum amount of assessment attributable to a business

owned by the same owner from 40% to 50%, and increase the maximum value of the businesses from 40% to 50%.

6. Increase the number of business owners required to sign a petition from those who pay more than 50% of the assessments to those who pay more than 67% of the assessments, and increase the number of total assessed businesses required to sign from 50% to 67%.
7. Require that all signatures on petitions be accompanied by a self-affirmation and provides for the requirements of the self-affirmation.
8. Remove proposed law reference to property assessments.