

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

DISTRICTS/CRIME PREVENT: Provides relative to the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District in Orleans Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9091.5(B), (C), (E)(4) and (5), (F)(1) and (3), (G)(1), and (H),
3 relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the Lake Vista Crime Prevention
4 District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose, and powers and duties of the
5 district; to provide relative to the parcel fee imposed within the district; to provide
6 for the amount, expiration, and renewal of the fee; to provide for an effective date;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 33:9091.5(B), (C), (E)(4) and (5), (F)(1) and (3), (G)(1), and (H) are
13 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

14 §9091.5. Lake Vista Crime Prevention District

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16 B. Boundaries. The boundaries of the district shall be the center line of
17 ~~Robert E. Lee Boulevard~~ Allen Toussaint Boulevard, Marconi Drive, Beauregard
18 Avenue, and Lakeshore Drive.

19 C. The purposes of the district shall be to aid in crime prevention and to
20 ~~enhance the security of district residents by providing for an increase in the presence~~

1 ~~of law enforcement personnel in the district~~ promote and encourage security in the
2 area included within the district.

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4 E. Powers and duties. The district, acting through its board of
5 commissioners, shall have the following powers and duties:

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7 (4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public, ~~for~~
8 ~~the provision of security patrols in the district.~~

9 (5) To ~~purchase~~ acquire, purchase, or lease items and supplies which the
10 board deems instrumental to achieving the ~~purpose~~ purposes of the district.

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12 F. Parcel fee. The governing authority of the city of New Orleans is hereby
13 authorized to impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in
14 accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

15 (1) The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution
16 of the board. The fee, which shall not exceed ~~two hundred twenty~~ four hundred
17 dollars per parcel per year, shall be imposed on each improved or unimproved single-
18 and two-family residential parcel and each multiple-dwelling or apartment parcel
19 located within the district. The owner of the parcel shall be responsible for payment
20 of the fee.

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22 (3)(a) The fee shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has
23 been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district ~~voting~~ who vote
24 on the proposition at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the
25 Louisiana Election Code. The amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted
26 resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized in this
27 Subsection. No other election shall be required except as provided by this
28 Paragraph.

1 collected by the city of New Orleans pursuant to this Section, shall be maintained in
 2 a separate account by the city and shall be used only to promote, encourage, and
 3 enhance the security of the area included in the district.

4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 8 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 50 Engrossed

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Abstract: Relative to the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District in Orleans Parish, increases the maximum amount of the parcel fee authorized to be levied within the district.

Present law creates the Lake Vista Crime Prevention District in the Lake Vista area of Orleans Parish as a political subdivision to aid in crime prevention and to enhance the security of district residents by increasing the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district. Provides for the boundaries of the district.

Proposed law changes the boundaries of the district and provides that the purpose of the district is to aid in crime prevention and to promote and encourage security in the area included within the district.

Present law provides for the district's powers and duties, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to present law and in accordance with a budget adopted as provided in present law.
- (3) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public, for the provision of security patrols in the district.
- (4) To purchase items and supplies which the board deems instrumental to achieving the purpose of the district.

Proposed law authorizes the district to enter contracts generally and removes provision in (3) above that limits the district's power to enter contracts only for the provision of security patrols in the district. Proposed law additionally authorizes the district to acquire and lease items and supplies in (4) above.

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 amount shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution of the board not to exceed \$220 per parcel per year.

Proposed law increases the maximum parcel fee from \$220 to \$400 per parcel per year. Provides that the fee amount may be changed by duly adopted resolution of the board, not to exceed the maximum amount.

Present law requires that the fee 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 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. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the initial election on the question of the imposition of the fee shall be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans. Proposed law removes present law.

Present law provides that the fee expires at the time provided in the proposition not to exceed four years from its initial imposition. Authorizes renewal of the fee for a term provided in the proposition authorizing renewal, not to exceed four years.

Proposed law instead provides that the fee expires at the time provided in the proposition not to exceed eight years from its initial imposition. Authorizes renewal of the fee for a term provided in the proposition not to exceed eight years.

Proposed law requires the board to adopt an annual budget in accordance with present law (La. Local Government Budget Act - R.S. 39:1301 et seq.). Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the budget and all amendments shall be subject to the approval of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans. Proposed law removes present law.

Present law provides that it is the purpose and intent of present law that the additional law enforcement personnel and their services provided for through the fees authorized in present law shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the New Orleans Police Department.

Proposed law instead provides that it is the purpose and intent of proposed law that any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other security or other services or betterments to be provided by the district shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services to be provided in the district by the state or the city of New Orleans or their departments or agencies or by other political subdivisions.

Present law provides that if the district ceases to exist, any funds of the district shall be transmitted to the governing authority of the city of New Orleans and shall be used for law enforcement purposes in the district.

Proposed law instead provides that all funds of the district shall be transmitted to the city of New Orleans, and such funds, together with any other funds collected by the city of New Orleans, shall be maintained in a separate account by the city and shall be used only to promote, encourage, and enhance the security of the area included in the district.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:9091.5(B), (C), (E)(4) and (5), (F)(1) and (3), (G)(1), and (H))