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SB 195 Engrossed

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Harris

Present law (R.S. 25:799) provides for the creation of the French Quarter Management District. Provides that the district is governed by a 13-member board of commissioners. Provides for board appointments.

Proposed law retains present law but makes changes to the names of certain appointing authorities.

Proposed law additionally provides that when the city of New Orleans, due to a lack of city-employed staff or a lawfully contracted vendor, cannot provide sanitation services within the French Quarter at level reasonably commensurate with historic practices, the district may procure its own emergency contract to ensure continuation of services within its boundaries.

Proposed law provides that the costs for emergency sanitation services procured pursuant to proposed law shall be reimbursed by the city of New Orleans pursuant to an intergovernmental transfer of funds, provided that the reimbursement is authorized and allocated by a budget ordinance adopted by the governing authority of Orleans Parish.

Proposed law provides that the emergency contract procured by the district shall continue until such time as the city resumes service through its own employees or pursuant to a lawfully procured and executed contract.

(Amends R.S. 25:799(C)(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (j), (k), and (l); Adds R.S. 25:799(K)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides for emergency sanitation services within the French Quarter.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Authorize the district to enter into an emergency contract for sanitation services if the city is not able to provide services at a level reasonable commensurate with historic practices.
2. Require the city to reimburse the district for sanitation services pursuant to an intergovernmental transfer of funds, provided that the reimbursement is authorized and allocated by a budget ordinance adopted by the governing authority of Orleans Parish.