

SENATE BILL NO. 137

BY SENATOR JOHNS

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:4699.1(E), relative to lakefront property within the city of Lake Charles;
3 to authorize a referendum election on a proposition regarding certain lands owned
4 by the city; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:4699.1(E) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §4699.1. City of Lake Charles; lakefront property

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10 **E.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary,**
11 **the governing authority of the city of Lake Charles is authorized to call a special**
12 **election in accordance with law seeking voter approval by those electors of the**
13 **city qualified to vote regarding the revision or modification of the existing plan**
14 **for commercial and residential usage of all or a portion of the land areas**
15 **described in this Section. The proposition for the election shall include the**
16 **following information with respect to the proposed project:**

17 **(a) Reasonably and fairly identify the area of land to be used or leased**
18 **for residential or commercial development.**

19 **(b) Describe the general nature and extent of the proposed development**
20 **project and generally describe any applicable design guidelines.**

21 **(2) If a majority of the qualified electors of the city of Lake Charles vote**
22 **to approve the commercial or residential usage of all or any portion of the areas**
23 **described in the ballot proposition, the city shall have the full and exclusive**
24 **right, jurisdiction, power, and authority to authorize, conduct, and effectuate**
25 **development in those land areas described in the proposition for the residential,**
26 **commercial, and profit-oriented purposes as provided in Subsection D of this**

1 Section.

2 (3) The city of Lake Charles may also construct, acquire, extend, or
3 improve facilities such as marinas, motels, hotels, restaurants, residential
4 housing, commercial office space, and boating facilities and provide roads,
5 sewer, water, and other nonelectric utilities as may be necessary to facilitate any
6 such plan for commercial or residential use previously approved by the voters
7 or as may be authorized in the future as provided herein or to make such site
8 improvements as may be necessary to comply with applicable flood plain
9 regulations. In exercising such authority the city shall also have authorization
10 to develop the property pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 51:1151 through R.S.
11 51:1160.

12 (4) Nothing in this Subsection shall in any way supersede the sole
13 authority and responsibility of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board relative to
14 gaming as specified in R.S. 27:15 nor shall it affect any law regarding the
15 requirement for or the conduct of any election or regarding the conduct of any
16 form of gaming.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____