

SENATE BILL NO. 27

BY SENATOR HEWITT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4575.1(A)(5), (6), (10), and (12), and 4575.3(20)(a), relative to the Harbor Center District; to provide for the board of commissioner appointments; to provide for the powers and duties of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4575.1(A)(5), (6), (10), and (12), and 4575.3(20)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4575.1. Board of commissioners; appointment; terms; vacancies

A. The control and management of the affairs of the district shall be vested in a board of commissioners that is hereby created. The board shall consist of fourteen members charged with administering the business and recreational and cultural events and programs undertaken by the district. Except for the executive director of the St. Tammany Parish Tourist and Convention Commission, all members of the commission shall be qualified voters and residents of Ward Eight or Ward Nine of St. Tammany Parish. The board shall be composed as follows:

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(5) One member appointed by the St. Tammany Parish ~~Police Jury~~ **Council**, who shall be a resident of the Ninth Ward of said parish.

(6) One member appointed by the ~~Greater Slidell Area~~ **St. Tammany** Chamber of Commerce.

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(10) One member appointed by the ~~state senator for District 11~~ **East St. Tammany Business Alliance**.

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(12) One member appointed by the state senator for District 1, ~~provided that such senator's district comprises portions of Ward Eight or Ward Nine.~~

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§4575.3. Powers and duties

The board shall have all powers necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of the district, including but not limited to the following rights and powers:

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(20)(a) To ~~With the approval of the State Bond Commission,~~ to levy a tax based upon the occupancy of hotel rooms, motel rooms, and overnight camping facilities within the district in order to provide funds for the operation of the district, including the construction, acquisition, development, maintenance, repair, reconstruction, refurbishment, renovation, operation of or administration of any facility owned, or to be owned or operated by the district and the acquisition, construction repair or replacement of machinery, equipment, and furnishings. The tax shall not exceed two dollars per occupant day.

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Section 2. 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 by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____