
DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands the boundaries of the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District, provides for funding sources of the district, and authorizes the board of commissioners to hire a chief executive officer.

Present law creates the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District (district) within the parishes of East Carroll and Tensas.

Proposed law expands the district to include the parishes of Concordia and Madison.

Proposed law authorizes the board of commissioners to hire a chief executive officer and establish the duties and responsibilities and the salary and benefits of the position.

Proposed law authorizes the district, subject to voter approval, to levy a sales and use tax not to exceed two-tenths of one percent within the boundaries of the district. Provides that the duration of the tax shall not exceed five years. Authorizes renewal of such tax for a period not to exceed five years.

Present law requires the district to secure any certificates of indebtedness by dedication and pledge of monies of the district derived from any lawful sources, including fees, lease rentals, service charges, local service agreement payments from one or more other contracting parties, or any combination of these sources of income.

Proposed law expands the sources of monies used to secure debt to include the avails of the sales and use tax levied by proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 3:341(B) and (D), 343(A)(5), and 344(B)(1) and (2); Adds R.S. 3:342(J) and 348)