

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 92

BY SENATOR FESI

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for the board of commissioners of veterans' memorial districts. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:9352(D) and (E), relative to certain veterans' memorial districts; to provide relative to powers and duties of the board of commissioners and the regional military museum foundation; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:9352(D) and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§9352. Board of commissioners; membership; meetings

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D. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board of commissioners of a veterans' memorial district in a parish with a population between one hundred five thousand and one hundred fifteen thousand, based on the latest federal decennial census, shall have the powers and duties of a veterans' memorial district governing body as provided by law, with its primary purpose to supply a regional military museum and veterans memorial park, except that approval of the parish council shall first be obtained prior to any of the following actions by the board:

- 1 **(1) Adoption of an annual budget.**
- 2 **(2) Purchase, sale, or encumbrance of immovable property.**
- 3 **(3) Submission for voter approval a proposed renewal or increase in ad**
- 4 **valorem taxes.**
- 5 **(4) Any other matter or action as determined by ordinance adopted by**
- 6 **the parish council.**

7 **E. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in a parish with a**

8 **population between one hundred five thousand and one hundred fifteen**

9 **thousand, based on the latest federal decennial census, the regional military**

10 **museum foundation shall have the sole power to administer, operate, and**

11 **maintain the regional military museum.**

12 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

14 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

16 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

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Present law provides that the governing authority of any parish is authorized and empowered, upon its own initiative, to form and create a veterans' memorial district within the parish. However, an incorporated municipality shall only be included within the territory of a veterans' memorial district upon the concurrence by resolution of the governing authority of the municipality in its inclusion and in the boundaries of the district. The parish governing authority is further authorized to alter the boundaries of any veterans' memorial district; however, no such boundary change shall cause an impairment of the obligations of the veterans' memorial district.

Proposed law retains present law but provides relative to a board of commissioners of a veterans' memorial district in a parish with a population between 105,000 and 115,000, based on the latest federal decennial census. The board shall have the powers and duties of a veterans' memorial district governing body as provided by law, with its primary purpose to supply in the parish a regional military museum and veterans memorial park, except that approval of the parish council shall first be obtained prior to any of the following actions by the board:

- (1) Adoption of an annual budget.

- (2) Purchase, sale, or encumbrance of immovable property.
- (3) Submission for voter approval a proposed renewal or increase in ad valorem taxes.
- (4) Any other matter or action as determined by ordinance adopted by the parish council.

Proposed law provides, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in a parish with a population between 105,000 and 115,000, based on the latest federal decennial census, the regional military museum foundation shall have the sole power to administer, operate, and maintain the regional military museum.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:9352(D) and (E))