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DIGEST

SB 50 Engrossed

2023 Regular Session

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Proposed law establishes the "Calcasieu Parish I-10 Bridge Authority Act".

Proposed law specifies that any provision not contained or addressed in the Calcasieu Parish I-10 Bridge Authority Act will be governed by the La. Transportation Development Act.

Proposed law authorizes the Calcasieu Parish I-10 Bridge Authority to contract with private entities for the development or operation of a tollway equipped with tolls.

Proposed law provides for definitions relative to the Calcasieu Parish I-10 Bridge Authority Act. Proposed law further provides for the difference between a state procurement project and an authority project.

Proposed law establishes the composition of the board as nine individuals, two of which must be minority; and provides for the creation of the board of directors for the authority and how the board shall operate, elect members, and term limits. Proposed law further provides the authority the power to promulgate rules and regulations for the maintenance and operation of the authority.

Proposed law specifies that the boundary and jurisdiction of the authority is coextensive with the boundaries of Calcasieu Parish.

Proposed law provides relative to the authority's operations and abilities to contract; and the powers and duties of the authority relative to carrying out its purpose. Proposed law further provides the authority has powers granted by virtue of it being a nonprofit corporation and may exercise powers necessary, appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of its purposes. Proposed law further provides for the use of funds from the Megaprojects leverage fund to reduce or eliminate the toll of citizens from the five parish area including Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson.

Proposed law provides the authority may only construct new addition highway tolls or transit toll facilities with the prior express written consent of the affected governing bodies within the geographic boundaries of the authority after public hearing.

Proposed law provides that any proposal to develop or operate a transportation facility as a public-private partnership project pursuant to proposed law must be approved by the authority and the department and prior to the authority approving a proposal to develop or operate a transportation facility as a public-private partnership, the authority must submit the proposal to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works for hearing and public comment.

Proposed law requires the authority to operate in accordance with the provisions of law relative to public-private partnership projects.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 48:2221- 2234)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Changes the name of the entity from the "Calcasieu Parish Tolling Authority" to the "Calcasieu Parish I-10 Bridge Authority".
2. Adds the definition and exception of "state procurement project".
3. Adds provision that the megaprojects leverage fund may be used to reduce or eliminate the toll of citizens in five parish area.
4. Makes technical changes.