

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 83 (HB 654)

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### CITY AUTHORITY TO LEASE

Existing law provides that the City of New Orleans is charged with maintaining certain public property in Orleans Parish dedicated by the state for public amusement and park purposes. (Act No. 209, 1906 R.S.; Act No. 9, 1910 R.S.)

New law specifies that the City of New Orleans is authorized to lease the following two parcels located within the property originally dedicated in 1906:

- (1) That portion of the dedicated property located west of West Roadway Street, an area commonly referred to as the parking lot, to the west of the green space commonly referred to as West End Park.
- (2) That portion of the dedicated property located north of North Roadway Street and west of that portion of Breakwater Drive existing north of North Roadway Street, which is a strip of land on the western border of the area commonly known as the municipal yacht harbor.

New law prohibits the city from leasing the described parcels for residential use, but allows any other use consistent with applicable local zoning laws.

New law further provides that any lease of the described parcels by the city must be authorized by the council of the City of New Orleans, which may prescribe terms and conditions for the lease.

New law requires that the lessee of the described parcels be selected through a request for proposal that is developed and issued according to the terms of a cooperative endeavor agreement between the state, the City of New Orleans, and Jefferson Parish.

### STATE AUTHORITY TO LEASE

Prior law authorized the state to lease certain water bottoms on the southern shore of Lake Pontchartrain along the parish line between Orleans and Jefferson parish to a lessee selected through a request for proposal developed and issued according to the terms of a cooperative endeavor agreement between the state, Orleans Parish, and Jefferson Parish. (Act No. 152, 2019 R.S.)

New law changes one of the parties to the cooperative endeavor agreement from Orleans Parish to the City of New Orleans.

New law adds land, in addition to water bottoms, to the property description in prior law.

New law further provides that the state may lease the land and waterbottoms directly to a lessee or it may lease to the city or a public benefit corporation of the city, who would then sublease to the lessee directly.

New law prohibits the state from leasing the described property for residential use, but allows any other use consistent with applicable local zoning laws.

New law requires the reservation of mineral rights.

Effective upon signature by the governor (May 15, 2024).

(Amends Act No. 152 of the 2019 R.S., §§1, 2)