

SENATE BILL NO. 195

BY SENATOR HARRIS AND REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:799(C)(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (j), (k), and (l), and to enact R.S.
3 25:799(K)(4), relative to historic districts in the parish of Orleans; to provide relative
4 to the French Quarter Management District; to provide relative to the board of
5 commissioners; to designate certain property located on Gentilly Boulevard as a
6 Louisiana Historic Site; to make technical changes; to provide relative to sanitation
7 services; and to provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 25:799(C)(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (j), (k), and (l) are hereby amended and
11 reenacted and R.S. 25:799(K)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §799. Creation of the French Quarter Management District

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14 C. Governance. (1) The district shall be governed by a board of
15 commissioners consisting of thirteen members as follows:

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17 (b) One person who is domiciled and a qualified elector in the district,
18 appointed by the Vieux Carre Property Owners, Residents and Associates, ~~inc~~
19 **Incorporated.**

20 (c) One person who either owns one or more restaurants in the district or is
21 a corporate representative of a company owning and operating one or more
22 restaurants in the district, appointed by the Louisiana Restaurant Association, ~~inc~~
23 **Incorporated.**

24 (d) One person who is either employed full-time, or owns or operates a hotel,
25 in the district between the center line of Canal Street and the middle of Iberville
26 Street, appointed by the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association, ~~inc~~
27 **Incorporated.**

(e) One person who is either employed full-time, or owns or operates a hotel, in the Vieux Carre or Faubourg Marigny sections of the district, appointed by the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association, ~~inc~~ **Incorporated**.

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(j) One person who is domiciled and a qualified elector in the district, appointed by the French Quarter Citizens, ~~inc~~ **Incorporated**.

(k) One person who is domiciled and a qualified elector in the district, appointed by North Rampart Main Street, ~~inc~~ **Incorporated**.

(l) One person who is employed full-time or owns or operates a business, in the district, appointed by the New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, ~~inc~~ **Incorporated**.

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K. Miscellaneous. * * *

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(4) When the city of New Orleans, due to a lack of city-employed staff or a lawfully contracted vendor, cannot provide sanitation services within the French Quarter at a level reasonably commensurate with historic practices, the district may procure its own emergency contract to ensure continuation of services within its boundaries. The costs for emergency sanitation services procured pursuant to this Section shall be reimbursed by the city of New Orleans. The emergency contract procured by the district shall continue until such time as the city resumes service through its own employees or pursuant to a lawfully procured and executed contract.

Section 2. The property located at municipal address 1751 Gentilly Boulevard in Orleans Parish, state of Louisiana, and all associated land, and its structures, streets, racing surfaces, and infrastructure comprising the New Orleans Fair Grounds which is the third oldest Thoroughbred Race Track in the United States of America, founded in 1852 shall be designated a state of Louisiana Historic Site, whereupon no demolition, structural alteration, sale or cessation of racing operations, nor any impediments be placed on the property to interfere with racing and training operations, shall occur without express legislative approval

1 and review by the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism. Facility improvements,
2 however, may be made subject to approval, and in accordance with the rules and regulations
3 of the Louisiana State Racing Commission.

4 The state of Louisiana, through this legislative Act, recognizes the historical, cultural,
5 and economic significance of the Fair Grounds Race Course to the city of New Orleans, the
6 state's equine heritage, and the lives of generations of Louisiana citizens. The Fair Grounds
7 has operated through war, flood, and economic upheaval, and remains a living institution of
8 both regional pride and national distinction. It has served not only as a center of racing, but
9 also as a venue for music, community gathering, and civic engagement, most notably as the
10 long-standing home of the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival.

11 The New Orleans Fair Grounds is hereby designated as a protected historic site in the
12 state of Louisiana and shall be immediately placed and enrolled on the historic site registry
13 maintained by the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism and any applicable
14 preservation registries of the city of New Orleans.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____