

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 892

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DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVEL: Creates the West End Economic Development District  
in the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:2740.70.11, relative to the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans; to create the  
3 West End Economic Development District within the parishes; to provide relative  
4 to the boundaries, purpose, governance, and powers and duties of the district; to  
5 provide for district funding; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.70.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §2740.70.11. West End Economic Development District

13 A. There is hereby created within the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans, as  
14 more specifically provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and  
15 corporate which shall be known as the West End Economic Development District,  
16 referred to in this Section as the "district". The district shall be a political  
17 subdivision of the state as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.

18 B. The boundaries of the district shall encompass the following area:

19 (1) West End Parking Lot Parcel

1           That certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and  
2           improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes,  
3           appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining,  
4           situated in the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, in that part thereof known as the  
5           seventh district of the city of new Orleans, a portion of the municipal yacht harbor,  
6           is more fully described as follows:

7           Commencing at the westerly and northerly point on a bulkhead running west  
8           to east along the projection of the northerly side of north roadway street having a  
9           coordinate of x=3,664,526.07 and y=556,664.20, said point lies in Jefferson Parish  
10           and is also known as the point of commencement, thence along said bulkhead north  
11           84 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds east a distance of 77.86 feet to an arrow cut on the  
12           boundary line of Jefferson Parish and Orleans Parish, also known as the point of  
13           beginning, thence north 84 degrees 28 minutes 21 seconds east a distance of  
14           92.52 feet to a point on the westerly curb of west roadway street, thence along a  
15           curve to the right having a chord bearing of south 24 degrees 54 minutes 40 seconds  
16           east, chord length of 140.38 feet, arc length of 141.11 feet and radius of 400.0 feet  
17           to an arrow cut, thence south 36 degrees 46 minutes 28 seconds east a distance of  
18           47.42 feet to a cross cut, thence along a curve to the left having a chord bearing of  
19           south 21 degrees 54 minutes 47 seconds east, chord length of 211.89 feet, arc length  
20           of 214.58 feet and radius of 390.0 feet to a cross cut, thence south 07 degrees  
21           28 minutes 40 seconds east a distance of 119.75 feet to a cross cut, thence south  
22           05 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds east a distance of 66.54 feet to a cross cut, thence  
23           south 83 degrees 23 minutes 53 seconds west a distance of 318.47 feet to a cross cut  
24           on the boundary line of Jefferson Parish and Orleans Parish, thence along said  
25           boundary line north 03 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds east a distance 575.67 feet to  
26           the point of beginning, containing an area of 2.998 acres (130,596 sqft). All as per  
27           survey by Batture LLC dated March 12, 2021.

28           (2) State Property (Jefferson Parish Jurisdiction) (West End Parking Lot)

1           That certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and  
2           improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes,  
3           appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining,  
4           situated township 12 south range 11 east, in the parish of Jefferson, state of  
5           Louisiana, is more fully described as follows:

6           Commencing at the westerly and northerly point on a bulkhead running west  
7           to east along the projection of the northerly side of north roadway street having a  
8           coordinate of x=3,664,526.07 and y=556,664.20, said point lies in Jefferson Parish  
9           and is also known as the point of beginning, thence along said bulkhead north  
10           84 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds east a distance of 77.86 feet to an arrow cut on the  
11           boundary line of Jefferson Parish and Orleans Parish, thence along said boundary  
12           line south 03 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds west a distance of 575.67 feet to a cross  
13           cut, thence south 83 degrees 23 minutes 53 seconds west to a point, thence north  
14           00 degrees 36 minutes 24 seconds west a distance of 63.73 feet to a point, thence  
15           south 89 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds west a distance of 15.82 feet to a point on  
16           the edge of a bulkhead abutting Lake Pontchartrain, thence along said bulkhead north  
17           01 degrees 16 minutes 43 seconds east a distance of 480.10 feet to a point, thence  
18           continuing along said bulkhead north 43 degrees 31 minutes 18 seconds east a  
19           distance of 43.08 feet to the point of beginning containing an area of 1.217 acres  
20           (52,999 sqft). All as per survey by Batture LLC dated March 12, 2021.

21           (3) State water bottom leases (west end parking lot)

22           That certain piece or portion of ground, together with all the buildings and  
23           improvements thereon, and all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes,  
24           appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining,  
25           situated township 12 south range 11 east, in the parish of Jefferson, state of  
26           Louisiana, is more fully described as follows:

27           Commencing at the westerly and northerly point on a bulkhead running west  
28           to east along the projection of the northerly side of north roadway street having a  
29           coordinate of x=3,664,526.07 and y=556,664.20, said point lies in Jefferson Parish

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1        and is also known as the point of beginning, thence along said bulkhead south  
2        43 degrees 31 minutes 18 seconds west a distance of 43.08 feet to a point, thence  
3        continuing along said bulkhead, south 01 degrees 16 minutes 43 seconds west a  
4        distance of 480.10 feet to a point, thence leaving said bulkhead south 01 degrees  
5        16 minutes 43 seconds west a distance of 59.11 feet to a point, thence south  
6        69 degrees 37 minutes 01 seconds west a distance of 115.92 feet to a point, thence  
7        north 19 degrees 05 minutes 21 seconds west a distance of 161.44 feet to a point,  
8        thence north 00 degrees 15 minutes 44 seconds west a distance of 323.44 feet to a  
9        point, thence south 89 degrees 44 minutes 05 seconds west a distance of 22.98 feet  
10       to a point, thence north 00 degrees 21 minutes 43 seconds west a distance of  
11       216.31 feet to a point, thence north 51 degrees 38 minutes 44 seconds east a distance  
12       of 138.21 feet to a point, thence north 89 degrees 43 minutes 14 seconds east a  
13       distance of 205.23 feet to a point, thence south 03 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds  
14       west a distance of 161.08 feet to a point on a bulkhead, thence along said bulkhead  
15       south 84 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds west a distance of 77.85 feet to the point of  
16       beginning containing an area of the Lake Pontchartrain water bottom of 3.368 acres  
17       (146,719 sqft). All as per survey by Batture LLC dated March 12, 2021.

18        C.(1) The district is established for the primary object and purpose of  
19        promoting and encouraging economic and commercial development and tourism  
20        opportunities, stimulating the economy through renewed commerce, industry,  
21        research, and tourism, and for the utilization and development of natural and human  
22        resources of the area by providing job opportunities.

23        (2) Nothing shall prohibit the district from providing public infrastructure  
24        outside the boundaries of the district that generally benefits the public.

25        D.(1) The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, referred  
26        to in this Section as the "board", consisting of five members as follows:

27        (a) The member of the governing authority of the parish of Jefferson who  
28        represents District No. 5 shall appoint two members.

1           (b) The member of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans who  
2           represents District A shall appoint two members.

3           (c) The president of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans shall  
4           appoint one member.

5           (2) Members of the board shall serve five-year terms after initial terms as  
6           provided in this Paragraph. One member shall serve an initial term of one year; one  
7           shall serve two years; one shall serve three years; one shall serve four years; and one  
8           shall serve five years, as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

9           (3) Any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of the term for which  
10          a member of the board has been appointed shall be filled for the remainder of the  
11          unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

12          (4) The board shall elect from its members a president, a vice president, a  
13          secretary, a treasurer, and such other officers as it may deem necessary. The duties  
14          of the officers shall be fixed by the bylaws adopted by the board.

15          (5) The minute books and archives of the district shall be maintained by the  
16          secretary of the board. The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the  
17          official custody of the board.

18          (6) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary  
19          or advisable for conducting its business affairs. It shall hold regular meetings as shall  
20          be provided for in the bylaws and may hold special meetings at such times and  
21          places within the district as may be prescribed in the bylaws.

22          (7) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the  
23          transaction of business. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall make  
24          them available through the secretary of the board to residents of the district.

25          (8) The members of the board shall serve without compensation; however,  
26          they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while attending to the business of the  
27          board or the district.

1           E. The district, acting by and through its board, shall have and exercise all  
2           powers of a political subdivision necessary or convenient for carrying out its objects  
3           and purposes, including but not limited to the following:

4                   (1) To sue and to be sued.

5                   (2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.

6                   (3) To adopt bylaws and rules and regulations.

7                   (4) To receive by gift, grant, or donation any sum of money, property, aid,  
8           or assistance from the United States, the state of Louisiana, or any political  
9           subdivision thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation.

10                  (5) To enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the  
11           state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or  
12           private association, corporation, business entity, or individual.

13                  (6) To appoint officers, agents, and employees; prescribe their duties; and  
14           fix their compensation.

15                  (7) To acquire by purchase, gift, grant, donation, or lease property as may  
16           be necessary or desirable for carrying out the objectives and purposes of the board.

17                  (8) To perform any other necessary and ancillary acts to effectuate its  
18           functions, to perform its duties, or to give effect to its powers in accordance with this  
19           Section.

20                  F.(1) In addition to the authority provided to the district by this Section, the  
21           district may levy and collect a sales and use tax within the boundaries of the district  
22           not to exceed two percent.

23                  (2) The tax shall be imposed by resolution of the board and shall be levied  
24           upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, the distribution,  
25           and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property or digital  
26           products and upon the sales of services within the boundaries of the district, all as  
27           defined in R.S. 47:301 et seq. However, the resolution imposing the tax shall be  
28           adopted only after the proposition authorizing the levy of the tax is approved by a  
29           majority of the qualified electors of the district voting on the proposition at an

1 election held for that purpose and conducted in accordance with the Louisiana  
2 Election Code. The purpose and rate of the tax shall be as provided in the resolution.

3 (3) Except where inapplicable, the procedure established by R.S. 47:301 et  
4 seq. shall be followed in the imposition, collection, and enforcement of the tax, and  
5 procedural details necessary to supplement those Sections and to make them  
6 applicable to the tax authorized in this Subsection shall be fixed in the resolution  
7 imposing the tax.

8 (4) The tax shall be imposed and collected uniformly throughout the  
9 jurisdiction of the district.

10 (5) The tax levied pursuant to this Subsection shall be in addition to all other  
11 taxes other political subdivisions within the jurisdiction of the district are authorized  
12 to levy and collect.

13 (6) Any monies received by the district shall be used exclusively for the  
14 benefit of the district and to fund economic development projects and infrastructure  
15 improvement projects within the following described boundaries:

16 That portion of the protection or revetment levee bordering on Lake  
17 Pontchartrain, and lying between the west bank of the New Basin Canal on the east,  
18 and shore of Lake Pontchartrain on the west; all lands now lying under the waters of  
19 Lake Pontchartrain between the protection or revetment levee on the south; the west  
20 bank of the New Basin Canal on the East, the shore of Lake Pontchartrain on the  
21 west and a line drawn parallel to and in front of said protection or revetment levee,  
22 a distance of three thousand feet therefrom on the north; all lands now lying under  
23 the waters of Lake Pontchartrain in the rear or south of the aforesaid protection or  
24 revetment levee on the north, the shore of Lake Pontchartrain on the south and the  
25 lands belonging to private persons on the east and west.

26 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor  
27 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
28 2026, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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**DIGEST**

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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HB 892 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the West End Economic Development District in the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans.

Proposed law creates the West End Economic Development District as a political subdivision in the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans to promote and encourage economic and commercial development and tourism opportunities. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law provides that the district is governed by a five-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

- (1) Two members appointed by the member of the governing authority of the parish of Jefferson who represents District No. 5.
- (2) Two members appointed by the governing authority of the city of New Orleans who represents District A.
- (3) One member appointed by the president of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law provides that members serve five-year staggered terms. Requires that members serve without compensation, but authorizes reimbursement for expenses incurred while attending to the business of the board or the district.

Proposed law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To sue and to be sued.
- (2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- (3) To adopt bylaws and rules and regulations.
- (4) To receive by gift, grant, or donation any sum of money, property, aid, or assistance from the U.S., the state, or any political subdivision thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation.
- (5) To enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or private association, corporation, business entity, or individual.
- (6) To appoint officers, agents, and employees; prescribe their duties; and fix their compensation.

Proposed law authorizes the district to levy a sales tax, subject to voter approval, not to exceed 2%. Requires that the tax be imposed and collected uniformly throughout the jurisdiction of the district. Provides that the tax shall be in addition to all other taxes other political subdivisions within the jurisdiction of the district are authorized to levy and collect. Requires that any monies received by the district be used exclusively for the benefit of the

district and to fund economic development projects and infrastructure improvement projects located within a specified area.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 33:2740.70.11)