

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 183

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A RESOLUTION

To direct the French Quarter Management District to adopt bylaws prior to the beginning of the next calendar year, but no later than January 1, 2015.

WHEREAS, the French Quarter Management District was created by the Legislature of Louisiana to strengthen the French Quarter as a national historic landmark, historic residential district, and a vital component of Louisiana's tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the board of commissioners of the French Quarter Management District is comprised of thirteen representatives of both residents who live in the district and businesses that operate in the district; and

WHEREAS, the board of commissioners has created committees and task forces to study and make recommendations regarding key issues facing the French Quarter Management District, including but not limited to security, enforcement, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the board of commissioners, in accordance with R.S. 25:799(C)(8), elects officers, including a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the district's enabling statute authorizes the district "to adopt bylaws and other rules and regulations for conduct of the district's business"; and

WHEREAS, despite this statutory authorization, the district has not adopted bylaws that govern its committees, task forces, and leadership selection process; and

WHEREAS, given the important work of the board of commissioners in seeking the input of both residents and businesses located in the district, it is incumbent upon the board to adopt bylaws as authorized by law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the French Quarter Management District to adopt bylaws prior to the beginning of the next calendar year, but no later than January 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the French Quarter Management District, prior to the adoption of bylaws, shall hear the concerns and wishes of all appointing entities of the district, including but not limited to those entities listed in R.S. 25:799(C)(1).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the French Quarter Management District shall submit a written report to Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee no later than January 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the board of commissioners of the French Quarter Management District.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE