

- (e) Economic development impacts and benefits.
 - (f) Utility relocation.
 - (g) Right of way acquisition.
 - (h) Project construction cost/benefit ratio studies.
- (4) To be designated an official depository for information relating to and about the projects.
- (5) To receive money from any public or private body which may desire to appropriate or donate such funds to be used to defray the expenses of the district.

Proposed law specifically authorizes the commission to apply for, receive, and accept from any state or federal agency, or local subdivision of this state, any grant or contribution of either money, property, or other things of value to be held, used, and applied for purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made or for any other lawful purposes that the commission has expressly authorized herein.

Proposed law provides that the commission shall have the advice and service of DOTD.

Proposed law provides that the district shall comply with present law pertaining to open meetings, public records, fiscal agents, official journals, dual office holding and employment, public bidding for the purpose of supplies and materials, and the Code of Governmental Ethics. Proposed law further provides that the district is permitted to use alternative competitive procurement and delivery methods for the award of any contracts for a major project.

Proposed law authorizes the board to levy an ad valorem tax or taxes for a term of no more than twenty years, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, equipping, furnishing, maintaining, or operating any work of public improvement, including both movable and immovable property necessary in connection with road and bridge projects, when authorized by a majority of the electors in the district who vote thereon in an election held for that purpose.

The board is further authorized to levy a millage, not to exceed five mills, to provide revenue to carry out the purposes of proposed law, when authorized by a majority of the electors in the district who vote thereon in an election held for that purpose.

Proposed law authorizes, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission and the approval of a majority of the electors of the district voting in an election held for that purpose, the district to incur debt and issue revenue bonds for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, extending, or improving works of capital improvement related to roads and other similar public works. Proposed law prohibits such bonds from being general obligations of the district, Ascension Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, Iberville Parish, Livingston Parish, West Baton Rouge Parish, or the state of Louisiana.

Proposed law authorizes the district to levy and collect a parcel fee within the boundaries of the district which shall not exceed five hundred dollars per parcel per year, after approval of a majority of the electors voting in an election held for that purpose. Proposed law sets for the procedures to collect the parcel fee.

Proposed law also authorizes the district to levy and collect a sales tax not to exceed one percent within the district, after approval of a majority of the electors voting in an election held for that purpose, and allows for the sales tax to be funded into bonds if such is approved by the electors.

Proposed law authorizes the district to impose a gasoline tax in the event that an amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana authorizes the imposition of a tax on gasoline and motor fuels and on special fuels by a special district or a political subdivision of the state. Such tax shall be in addition to any other tax imposed on gasoline, diesel fuels, and special fuels, and must be approved by a majority of the electors of the district voting in an election for such purpose. Provides that such a tax will be levied and collected in accordance with present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 48:771-780.1)