

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 368

BY SENATOR HARRIS

PARISHES. Provides relative to building and zoning regulations in parishes and municipalities. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4882(A) and (B), relative to building and zoning regulations
3 in parishes and municipalities; to require that the governing authority of any
4 municipality or parish not allow and not cause any building or land to lose
5 nonconforming use status by reason of vacancy or cessation of normal operations
6 during a specified time period; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:4882(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §4882. Building and zoning regulations in local governmental subdivisions;
11 nonconforming use

12 A. Notwithstanding any provision of law or municipal or parish ordinance or
13 resolution to the contrary, the governing authority of any municipality or parish and
14 any agency of any such municipality or parish shall not allow and shall not cause any
15 building or land to lose its nonconforming use status because, during all or part of
16 the period of ~~August 29, 2005~~ **March 16, 2020**, through ~~August 28, 2007~~ **March 15,**
17 **2022**, ~~as a result of damage caused by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita,~~ it is

1 temporarily vacant or operations normally carried on in such building or on such
2 land have been temporarily discontinued.

3 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the
4 governing authority of any parish having a population in excess of ~~four~~ **three**
5 hundred **fifty** thousand, based on the latest federal decennial census, may by
6 ordinance reduce the time period of ~~August 29, 2005~~ **March 16, 2020**, through
7 ~~August 28, 2007~~ **March 15, 2022**, provided in Subsection A of this Section.

8 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
10 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
12 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

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Present law prohibits the governing authority of any municipality or parish affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita and any agency of any such municipality or parish from allowing or causing any building or land to lose its nonconforming use status because, during all or part of the period of August 29, 2005, through August 28, 2007, as a result of damage caused by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, it is temporarily vacant or because the operations normally carried on in such building or on such land have been temporarily discontinued, notwithstanding any contrary law or municipal or parish ordinance or resolution.

Present law provides that the governing authority of any parish having a population in excess of 400,000 may by ordinance reduce the time period.

Proposed law retains present law but changes its applicability from any building or land affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita to any building or land temporarily vacant or due to operations on such property being temporarily discontinued from March 16, 2020, through March 15, 2022, and authorizes the governing authority of a parish having a population in excess of 350,000 to reduce the time period.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:4882(A) and (B))