
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs
to Original House Bill No. 335 by Representative Wilford Carter

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 2, line 11, change "five-member" to "seven-member"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 2, line 21, change "five" to "seven"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 3, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

7 "(f) The mayor of the city of Lake Charles shall appoint one member, subject
8 to the approval of the governing authority of the city.

9 (g) The governing board of the Chamber of Commerce Southwest Louisiana
10 shall appoint one member."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 8, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

13 "K.(1) In addition to any authority provided to the district in this Section, the
14 district may levy and collect a hotel occupancy tax within the district on
15 developments constructed on and after August 1, 2023, which shall be in lieu of
16 other such taxes levied by other taxing authorities within the district. The funds shall
17 be pledged to and used to pay revenue bonds issued by the district or for any other
18 financing of the property of a project, including, but not limited to, loans, mortgages,
19 bonds, or certificates of indebtedness.

20 (2)(a) The term "hotel" means any establishment engaged in the business of
21 furnishing or providing rooms intended or designed for dwelling, lodging, or
22 sleeping purposes to transient guests where such establishment consists of ten or
23 more guest rooms but does not include overnight camping facilities, bed and
24 breakfasts, or short-term rentals. In addition, the term "hotel" does not include any
25 hospital, convalescent or nursing home or sanitarium, or any hotel-like facility
26 operated by or in connection with a hospital or medical clinic providing rooms
27 exclusively for patients and their families.

28 (b) The term "short-term rentals" as used in this Subsection shall mean and
29 include the rental of all or any portion of a residential dwelling unit for dwelling,
30 lodging, or sleeping purposes to one party with a duration of occupancy of less than
31 thirty consecutive days.

32 (2) The tax shall be imposed by resolution of the board and shall be adopted
33 only after the question of the imposition of the hotel occupancy tax has been
34 approved by the Lake Charles City Council and by a majority of the qualified
35 electors voting on the proposition at an election held for that purpose and conducted
36 in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code. The purpose and rate of the tax
37 shall be provided in the resolution."

38 AMENDMENT NO. 5

39 On page 8, line 22, change "K." to "L."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 6

2 On page 9, line 16, after "tax" delete the comma "," and delete "excluding a hotel occupancy
3 tax,"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 7

5 On page 9, line 19, after "1950." and before "the proceeds" delete "However, if the proceeds
6 of such" and insert "A tax increment shall also consist of that portion of the hotel occupancy
7 tax levied by the district determined and pledged in the manner provided for in Part II of
8 Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950. However, a tax increment
9 shall not consist of any portion of a hotel tax levied on a development constructed prior to
10 August 1, 2023. If the proceeds of any"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 8

12 On page 9, line 22, change "may" to "shall"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 9

14 On page 9, delete lines 24 through 27 in their entirety

15 AMENDMENT NO. 10

16 On page 9, at the beginning of line 28, change "L." to "M."

17 AMENDMENT NO. 11

18 On page 10, at the beginning of line 4, change "M." to "N."