
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the board of supervisors of the Lakeshore Villages Community Development District in St. Tammany Parish.

Present law authorizes parish governing authorities, pursuant to a petition from landowners, to create community development districts.

Present law authorizes a community development district to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems, facilities, and basic infrastructures for the following:

- (1) Water management and control.
- (2) Water supply, sewer, and wastewater management.
- (3) Bridges or culverts.
- (4) Roads and street lights.

With approval of the parish, a community development district may also plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems and facilities for:

- (1) Parks and facilities for recreational, cultural, and educational uses.
- (2) Fire prevention and control.
- (3) School buildings and related structures.
- (4) Security.
- (5) Control and elimination of mosquitoes and other public health nuisances.
- (6) Waste collection and disposal.
- (7) Revenue producing utilities except electricity and gas services.

Present law provides for governance of such a district by a board of supervisors.

Proposed law amends present law as it pertains to the supervisors of the Lakeshore Villages Community Development District in St. Tammany Parish (the Lakeshore district) as follows:

- (1) Present law provides that supervisors are qualified electors of the district elected by the qualified electors of the district in accordance with the La. Election Code. Proposed law additionally requires that Lakeshore district supervisors be elected on the dates provided for congressional elections.

- (2) Present law provides that supervisors are appointed by the parish governing authority if the district's population is less than 600 persons.

Proposed law provides that the St. Tammany parish governing authority will appoint Lakeshore district supervisors whose terms expire in an election year if the total number of registered voters in the district is fewer than 250 that year.

- (3) Present law provides that supervisors serve four-year terms.

Proposed law extends the terms of current supervisors and provides for the election of all five supervisors in 2026; provides for staggered terms thereafter.

- (4) Present law requires the board to select a supervisor as chair and to elect a secretary, who need not be a supervisor, and such other officers as the board deems necessary.

Proposed law also requires the Lakeshore district to elect a supervisor as vice chair and authorizes the elected secretary to serve as treasurer.

- (5) Present law authorizes supervisors to receive per diem not to exceed \$75 per meeting.

Proposed law authorizes Lakeshore district supervisors to receive a per diem not to exceed \$250 per meeting for not more than two meetings per month

Proposed law authorizes the Lakeshore district to contract for financial services and record keeping services.

Effective January 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 33:9039.15.1 and 9039.16(D))