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HOUSE BILL NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVEL: Provides relative to a Community Development District in St. Tammany Parish

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:9039.15.1 and 9039.16(D), relative to the Lakeshore Villages Community 3 Development District in St. Tammany Parish; to provide relative to the election of 4 the district's governing authority and terms of members; to provide for appointment 5 of members under certain circumstances; to provide relative to compensation of members of the governing authority; to provide relative to officers; to authorize the 6 7 district to contract for financial and record keeping services; to provide for an 8 effective date; and to provide for related matters. 9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published 10 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of 11 Louisiana. 12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 13 Section 1. R.S. 33:9039.15.1 and 9039.16(D) are hereby enacted to read as follows: 14 §9039.15.1. Lakeshore Villages Community Development District; board of 15 supervisors, elections, and meetings 16 The Lakeshore Villages Community Development District in St. Tammany 17 Parish, hereafter in this Section referred to as the "district", is subject to the provisions of R.S. 33:9039.15 except as otherwise provided by this Section: 18 19 (1)(a) District supervisors shall be elected on the date specified by R.S. 20 18:402 for congressional elections, and their terms shall begin on January third of

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the year after the election. Each sup	pervisor shall be elected to a designated division
of the board. The divisions are for	the sole purpose of election of supervisors. The
divisions are designated alphabeti	cally as Divisions "A" through "E", and each
supervisor in office on January 1, 20	025, shall be assigned to a designated division by
name alphabetically. A candidate	e for supervisor shall, at the time of filing his
declaration as a candidate therefor	, designate only one division for which he is a
candidate. The electors of the dis	strict shall elect one member from among the
candidates for each division of the	commission.
(b) Notwithstanding Subpa	ragraph (a) of this Paragraph, if the total number
of registered voters in the district	is fewer than two hundred fifty in any even-
numbered year, no election shall be	held in that year, and the governing authority of
St. Tammany Parish shall appoint t	he successors to supervisors whose terms expire
on January third of the following y	rear. By April fifteenth of each even-numbered
year, the chief executive officer of	f the district shall request from the registrar of
voters a report on the number of re	gistered voters in the district. By June fifteenth
of the year, the board of supervise	ors shall decide whether to call an election or
request that the parish governing au	athority appoint such members.
(2)(a) Except as otherwise	provided by this Paragraph, district supervisors
serve four-year terms.	
(b) The terms of all sup	ervisors serving on January 1, 2025, end on
January 3, 2027. The initial term of	f three supervisors elected at the election in 2026
is four years and the initial term for	r two supervisors is two years, as determined by
lot at the first meeting of the board	after the beginning of the term.
(3) The district's board of su	upervisors shall elect one supervisor as chair and
one supervisor as a vice chair. The	e board shall also elect a secretary who need not
be a supervisor and who may al	so serve as the treasurer as provided in R.S.
33:9039.16(B). The board may ele	ect other officers as it deems necessary.
(4) Each district superviso	r may receive a per diem of not more than two
hundred fifty dollars for meetings	he attends, but not more than two meetings per

1 month. Each supervisor may also receive travel expenses as authorized in the 2 district's bylaws. 3 §9039.16. Board of supervisors; general duties 4 5 The board of supervisors of the Lakeshore Villages Community 6 Development District in St. Tammany Parish may contract, on terms it deems 7 appropriate, with a person or entity to provide financial services and record keeping 8 services for the district. 9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

DIGEST

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

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

<u>Present law</u> 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.

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- (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.

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

- (1) <u>Present law</u> provides that supervisors are qualified electors of the district elected by the qualified electors of the district in accordance with the La. Election Code. <u>Proposed law</u> additionally requires that Lakeshore district supervisors be elected on the dates provided for congressional elections.
- (2) <u>Present law</u> provides that supervisors are appointed by the parish governing authority if the district's population is less than 600 persons.
 - <u>Proposed law</u> 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) <u>Present law provides that supervisors serve four-year terms.</u>
 - <u>Proposed law</u> extends the terms of current supervisors and provides for the election of all five supervisors in 2026; provides for staggered terms thereafter.
- (4) <u>Present law</u> 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.
 - <u>Proposed law</u> also requires the Lakeshore district to elect a supervisor as vice chair and authorizes the elected secretary to serve as treasurer.
- (5) <u>Present law</u> authorizes supervisors to receive per diem not to exceed \$75 per meeting.

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

<u>Proposed law</u> 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))