

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 365

BY SENATOR HARRIS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for the French Quarter Management District. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:799(A)(2)(a), (I)(4) and (J)(1) and to enact R.S. 25:799(E)(4),  
3 (G)(16) and (17), and (K)(1)(c) and (3), relative to the French Quarter Management  
4 District in Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the purpose, powers, and governance  
5 of the district; to provide with respect to the functions of the district; to provide for  
6 an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 25:799(A)(2)(a), (I)(4), and (J)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted  
10 and R.S. 25:799(E)(4), (G)(16) and (17), and (K)(1)(c) and (3) are hereby enacted to read  
11 as follows:

12 §799. Creation of the French Quarter Management District

13 A. \* \* \*

14 (2) The district is created to provide the following functions:

15 (a) Enhancing public safety, reducing homelessness, infrastructure  
16 improvements, and sanitation within the district by financing supplemental safety  
17 and sanitation services as the board deems appropriate.

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2 E.(1) \* \* \*

3 (4) Any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other  
4 security or other services or betterments provided by the district shall be  
5 supplemental to existing personnel and services to be provided in the district by  
6 the state or the city of New Orleans or their departments or agencies, or by  
7 other political subdivisions.

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9 G. Specifically included, though not limited hereby, under the purposes,  
10 objects, and powers of the district are the following within the district:

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12 (16) Enhancing and providing dedicated public safety, reducing  
13 homelessness, infrastructure enhancement, and sanitation within the district by  
14 financing supplemental safety and sanitation services.

15 (17) Providing supplemental resources for the enforcement of laws and  
16 regulations that relate to the quality of life for tourists and visitors within the  
17 district.

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19 I. Subdistricts. The district shall consist of four subdistricts: the Vieux Carre,  
20 the Iberville Corridor, the Treme, and the Faubourg Marigny.

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22 (4) The Faubourg Marigny subdistrict shall be comprised of the area of the  
23 district lying within the following boundaries: the Mississippi River, the center line  
24 of Esplanade Avenue, the center line of North Rampart Street, the rear property line  
25 of the properties fronting on the down river side of Esplanade Avenue to the  
26 Mississippi River, the Frenchmen Street corridor beginning with the  
27 intersection at the center line of Esplanade Avenue and ending at Royal Street,  
28 comprising the 400 block through 600 block of Frenchmen Street.

29 J. Budget. (1) The board of commissioners shall adopt an annual budget in



quality events and quality of life in the district, to restore regional character to the district, to attract locals and tourists to visit the district, to facilitate and promote the development and improvement of public infrastructure within the district, and to encourage new residents to live in the district.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the reduction of homelessness and infrastructure improvements to the functions of the district.

Proposed law provides that any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other security or other services or betterments provided by the district shall be supplemental to existing personnel and services to be provided in the district by the state or the city of New Orleans or their departments or agencies, or by other political subdivisions.

Present law provides for the following purposes, objects, and powers of the district:

- (1) Creating and maintaining public restroom facilities.
- (2) Beautifying the district, improving its streetscapes and the quality of its frontage, and making cosmetic improvements within the district.
- (3) Enhancing the district's walkability and pedestrian-friendly environment.
- (4) Revitalizing and nurturing cultural and historical features, preservation, and cultural tourism.
- (5) Providing facade grants and incentives to utilize vacant buildings, upper floors, and land.
- (6) Addressing transportation concerns.
- (7) Facilitating parking and mobility planning, strategies, and management.
- (8) Improving commercial and residential vitality and developing and implementing commercial planning, marketing, and recruiting strategies.
- (9) Facilitating lighting and signage upgrades, repairs, and replacements.
- (10) Aiding in the repair and upkeep of sidewalks, streets, and related infrastructure.
- (11) Aiding in video camera installation and monitoring.
- (12) Recruiting public amenities and services.
- (13) Fostering visually stimulating and quality pedestrian experiences.
- (14) Fostering regional and district character.
- (15) Facilitating the removal and prevention of graffiti.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the following purposes, objects, and powers of the district:

- (1) Enhancing and providing dedicated public safety, reducing homelessness, infrastructure enhancement and sanitation within the district by financing supplemental safety and sanitation services.
- (2) Providing supplemental resources for the enforcement of laws and regulations that relate to the quality of life for tourists and visitors within the district.

Present law provides that the board of commissioners shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with present law.

Present law provides that the district shall consist of four subdistricts: the Vieux Carre, the Iberville Corridor, the Treme, and the Faubourg Marigny.

Proposed law retains present law but further provides that the Faubourg Marigny subdistrict shall be comprised of the area of the district lying within the following boundaries: the Mississippi River, the center line of Esplanade Avenue, the center line of North Rampart Street, the rear property line of the properties fronting on the down river side of Esplanade Avenue to the Mississippi River., the Frenchmen Street corridor beginning with the intersection at the center line of Esplanade Avenue and ending at Royal Street, comprising the 400 block through 600 block of Frenchmen Street."

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that 15% of the annual budget shall be dedicated to public safety, reducing the homelessness and/or infrastructure enhancements.

Proposed law provides that the district may utilize the city of New Orleans, as well as contract with other entities, for purposes of procuring services for the district.

Proposed law provides that the district may procure by informal bid a public work with a value of \$150,000 or less.

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

(Amends R.S. 25:799(A)(2)(a), (I)(4) and (J)(1); adds R.S. 25:799(E)(4), (G)(16) and (17), and (K)(1)(c) and (3))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides that any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other security or other services or betterments provided by the district shall be supplemental to existing personnel and services to be provided in the district by the state or the city of New Orleans, or their departments or agencies, or by other political subdivisions.
2. Provides that the district may procure by informal bid, a public work with a value of \$150,000 or less.

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Provides that supplemental resources for the enforcement of laws and regulations shall relate to the quality of life for tourists and visitors within the district.
2. Provides for the boundaries of the Faubourg Marigny subdistrict.