

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 364

BY SENATOR HARRIS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.3, relative to the Downtown Development District of  
3 the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the composition of the board of  
4 commissioners; to provide relative to terms of office and vacancies; to provide  
5 relative to the powers, duties, functions, administration, and governance of the  
6 district; to provide relative to preparation of plans; to provide for an effective date;  
7 and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.3 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §2740.3. The Downtown Development District of the City of New Orleans; creation,  
12 composition, and powers; preparation of plans; levy of ad valorem  
13 taxes and issuance of bonds

14 A. There shall be, and there hereby is, created a special taxing district within  
15 the city of New Orleans comprised of all the territory within the following prescribed  
16 boundaries:

17 The point of beginning shall be at the intersection of the east bank of the

1 Mississippi River and the Mississippi River Bridge approaches and Pontchartrain  
 2 Expressway: thence continuing along the upper line of the Pontchartrain Expressway  
 3 right-of-way less and except ramp areas, and in a northwesterly direction to the lake  
 4 side right-of-way line of Claiborne Avenue; thence northeasterly along the lake side  
 5 of said right-of-way line of Claiborne Avenue to the lower right-of-way line of  
 6 Iberville Street; thence along the said lower right-of-way line of Iberville Street to  
 7 the east bank of the Mississippi River; thence continuing along the east bank of said  
 8 river to the upper right-of-way line of the Mississippi River Bridge approaches and  
 9 Pontchartrain Expressway, being the point of beginning.

10 The said special taxing district shall be known as, and is hereby designated  
 11 The Downtown Development District of the City of New Orleans hereinafter in this  
 12 Section referred to as the district, said creation to be effective January 1, 1975.

13 ~~B. The council of the city of New Orleans, or its successor exercising the~~  
 14 ~~legislative powers of said city hereinafter referred to, collectively, as the "city~~  
 15 ~~council," shall have such power and control over, and responsibility for, the~~  
 16 ~~functions, affairs and administration of the district as are prescribed.~~

17 ~~C.~~ In order to provide for the orderly planning, development, acquisition,  
 18 construction and effectuation of the services, improvements and facilities to be  
 19 furnished by the district, and to provide for the representation in the affairs of the  
 20 district of those persons and interests immediately concerned with and affected by  
 21 the purposes and development of the district, there is hereby created a board of  
 22 commissioners for the district hereinafter referred to as the "board".

23 ~~D. C.~~(1) The board shall be composed of eleven members, at least ~~nine~~ five  
 24 of whom shall be qualified voters of the city of New Orleans, and shall have their  
 25 principal place of business in, or own property in, the Downtown Development  
 26 District. Each board member shall be subject to confirmation by the New  
 27 Orleans city council.

28 (a) Such The members of the board shall possess additional qualifications  
 29 and shall be appointed as follows:

1 (a) ~~Nine of the members shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval~~  
2 ~~of the city council, provided, however, that the mayor will select five of such~~  
3 ~~members from a list of eight nominees named by the New Orleans Chamber of~~  
4 ~~Commerce.~~

5 (i) Two of the members shall be appointed by the mayor.

6 (ii) One of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans city  
7 council member representing City Council District B.

8 (iii) One of the members shall be appointed by New Orleans & Company.

9 (iv) Two of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans  
10 Chamber of Commerce, subject to approval by the president of the New  
11 Orleans city council.

12 (v) One of the members shall be appointed by the Greater New Orleans  
13 Hotel and Lodging Association, subject to approval by the president of the New  
14 Orleans city council.

15 (vi) One of the members shall be appointed by the Louisiana Restaurant  
16 Association, subject to approval by the president of the New Orleans city  
17 council.

18 (vii) One of the members shall be appointed by the member or members  
19 of the Louisiana House of Representatives who represent the district.

20 (viii) Two of the members shall be appointed by the member or members  
21 of the Louisiana Senate who represent the district.

22 (b) ~~The members of the board initially appointed by the mayor shall be~~  
23 ~~appointed as follows: two members for one year each, two members for two years~~  
24 ~~each, two members for three years each, two members for four years each, and one~~  
25 ~~member for five years, the length of the term for each individual appointed to be~~  
26 ~~determined by lot. They shall serve until their successors have been appointed and~~  
27 ~~qualified. Upon the first meeting, the members of the board shall be randomly~~  
28 ~~allotted terms as follows: three members for one year each, three members for~~  
29 ~~two years each, three members for three years each, and two members for four~~

1 years each; the length of the term for each individual appointed to be  
2 determined by lot. They shall serve until their successors have been appointed  
3 and qualified. Each board member shall be required to annually provide an  
4 affidavit attesting that he has a principal place of business or own property in  
5 the Downtown Development District.

6 (c) The members of the board thereafter appointed by the mayor upon the  
7 expiration of the respective terms of the initial appointees shall be selected and  
8 appointed in accordance with the procedures herein prescribed for the selection and  
9 appointment of the original members for the term of five years. However, vacancies  
10 shall be filled from nominations submitted by the New Orleans Chamber of  
11 Commerce in the following manner. The mayor shall select and appoint one of two  
12 names submitted to him by such council for each of the five vacancies for which the  
13 council is to submit nominees. If the selection and appointment by the mayor does  
14 not take place within thirty days following submission of the nominees by the New  
15 Orleans Chamber of Commerce, the selection and appointment shall be made by the  
16 city council. Any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of the term for which  
17 a member of the board has been appointed shall be filled in accordance with the  
18 procedures as set forth herein. However, the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce  
19 may submit additional nominees to either the mayor or the city council, as  
20 applicable, until all vacancies pursuant to this Subsection are filled.

21 ~~(2)(a) Two members shall be jointly appointed by the state senators and state~~  
22 ~~representatives who represent the district in such manner that both members are~~  
23 ~~residents of the district and at least one member has his principal place of business~~  
24 ~~in the district.~~

25 ~~(b) Vacancies from among the members appointed by the state senators and~~  
26 ~~state representatives who represent the district shall be filled by the state senators and~~  
27 ~~state representatives who represent the district.~~

28 ~~(c) The members of the board of commissioners of the Downtown~~  
29 ~~Development District of the City of New Orleans appointed pursuant to this~~

1 Paragraph shall serve a five-year term and until their successors have been appointed  
2 and qualified. Thereafter they shall serve terms that are concurrent with those of the  
3 legislators who made the appointment.

4 (3) As soon as practicable after their appointment, the board shall meet and  
5 elect from their number a chairman, a vice chairman, a treasurer, and such other  
6 officers as it may deem appropriate. A secretary of the board may be selected from  
7 among the members or may be otherwise selected or employed by the board. The  
8 duties of the said officers shall be fixed by bylaws adopted by the board. The board  
9 shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or advisable for  
10 conducting its business and affairs, and shall engage such assistants and employees  
11 as is needed to assist the board in the performance of its duties. It shall hold regular  
12 meetings as shall be provided by its bylaws and may hold special meetings at such  
13 time and places within or without the districts as may be prescribed in its rules or  
14 regulations. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the  
15 transaction of business. The board shall keep minutes of all regular and special  
16 meetings and shall make them available to the public in conformance with law. The  
17 members of the board shall serve without compensation; however, they shall receive  
18 travel allowance as reimbursement for expenses incurred while attending to the  
19 business of the district.

20 ~~E.D.~~(1) The board shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a plan or plans  
21 (such plan or plans, and the plan provided for in Subsection F of this Section, being  
22 hereinafter referred to, collectively, as the plan) specifying the public improvements,  
23 **public safety services, reducing homelessness,** facilities and services proposed to  
24 be furnished, constructed or acquired for **by** the district, and it shall conduct such  
25 public hearings, publish such notice with respect thereto and disseminate such  
26 information as it in the exercise of its sound discretion may deem to be appropriate  
27 or advisable and in the public interest. **The board shall conduct an annual**  
28 **presentation to the New Orleans city council regarding expenditures.**

29 (2) Any plan may specify and encompass any public services, capital

1 improvements and facilities which the city of New Orleans is authorized to  
2 undertake, furnish or provide under the constitution and laws of the state of  
3 Louisiana, and such specified public services, improvements and facilities shall be,  
4 and shall for all purposes be deemed to be, special and in addition to all services,  
5 improvements and facilities which the city of New Orleans is then furnishing or  
6 providing, or may then, or in the future, be obligated to furnish or provide with  
7 respect to persons or property within the boundaries of the district.

8 (3) Any plan shall include (a) an estimate of the annual and aggregate cost  
9 of acquiring, constructing or providing the services, improvements or facilities set  
10 forth therein; (b) the proportion of the tax to be levied on the taxable real property  
11 within the district which is to be set aside and dedicated to paying the cost of  
12 furnishing specified services, and the proportion of such tax to be set aside and  
13 dedicated to paying the cost of capital improvements, or paying the cost of debt  
14 service on any bonds to be issued to pay the cost of capital improvements, such  
15 proportions, in each case, to be expressed in numbers of mills; and (c) an estimate  
16 of the aggregate number of mills required to be levied in each year on the taxable  
17 real property within the district in order to provide the funds required for the  
18 implementation or effectuation of the plan for furnishing the services specified and  
19 for capital improvements or debt service, or both.

20 ~~(4) The board shall also submit the plan to the planning commission of the~~  
21 ~~city of New Orleans. Said planning commission shall review and consider the plan~~  
22 ~~in order to determine whether or not it is consistent with the comprehensive plan for~~  
23 ~~the city of New Orleans, and shall within thirty days following receipt thereof submit~~  
24 ~~to the city council its written opinion as to whether or not the plan or any portion or~~  
25 ~~detail thereof is inconsistent with the comprehensive plan for the city, together with~~  
26 ~~its written comments and recommendations with respect thereto.~~

27 ~~(5) After receipt of the plan together with the written comments and~~  
28 ~~recommendations of the city planning commission, the city council shall review and~~  
29 ~~consider the plan, together with such written comments and recommendations. The~~

1           ~~city council may by a majority vote of its members adopt or reject the plan as~~  
2           ~~originally submitted by the board, or it may alter or modify the plan or any portion~~  
3           ~~or detail thereof, but only by a majority vote of all of its members. If the plan as~~  
4           ~~originally submitted by the board is adopted by the majority vote of the city council,~~  
5           ~~it shall become final and conclusive and may thereafter be implemented. If, however,~~  
6           ~~the city council alters or modifies the plan by a majority vote of its members, the~~  
7           ~~plan as so altered or modified shall be resubmitted to the board for its concurrence~~  
8           ~~or rejection. The board may concur in such modified plan by a majority vote of all~~  
9           ~~of its members. If the board so votes to concur in the plan as modified by the city~~  
10          ~~council, the plan shall become final and conclusive and may thereafter be~~  
11          ~~implemented. If, however, the board does not concur in the plan as modified by the~~  
12          ~~city council, it shall notify the city council in writing of its action. Thereafter, and~~  
13          ~~as often and at such time or times as the board may deem to be necessary or~~  
14          ~~advisable, it shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a plan or plans and submit the~~  
15          ~~same to the city planning commission in accordance with the same procedure~~  
16          ~~hereinabove prescribed with respect to the original plan. The city planning~~  
17          ~~commission shall, in turn, submit such plan, together with their written comments~~  
18          ~~and recommendations, to the city council for its adoption, modification or rejection~~  
19          ~~in the same manner and with the same effect as hereinabove provided with respect~~  
20          ~~to the original plan.~~

21                 ~~F. The provisions of Subsection E of this Section to the contrary~~  
22                 ~~notwithstanding, the board may prepare and submit directly to the city council a plan~~  
23                 ~~or plans setting forth its intention to employ professional consultants and experts and~~  
24                 ~~such other advisors and personnel as it in its discretion shall deem to be necessary~~  
25                 ~~or convenient to assist it in the preparation of a plan or plans for the orderly and~~  
26                 ~~efficient development of services and improvements within the district. Such plan~~  
27                 ~~shall also specify the services proposed to be rendered by such employees, an~~  
28                 ~~estimate of the aggregate of the proposed salaries of such employees and an estimate~~  
29                 ~~of the other expenses of the board required for the preparation of such plan or plans,~~

1 together with a request that a tax, within the limits hereinafter in this Section  
2 prescribed, in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of such salaries and expenses  
3 be levied on the real property within the district. The city council shall review and  
4 consider such plan within thirty days following the submission to it by the board, and  
5 shall adopt or reject such plan by a majority vote of its members. If the city council  
6 adopts such a plan, it shall become final and conclusive and the tax shall be levied  
7 as hereinafter provided. If the city council rejects the plan, it shall notify the board  
8 of its action, and the board may again and from time to time prepare and submit to  
9 the city council for its review, consideration, adoption or rejection in accordance  
10 with the procedures provided for in this Paragraph, a plan setting forth the matters  
11 hereinabove in this Section prescribed.

12 G. ~~If no plan is finally and conclusively adopted in accordance with the~~  
13 ~~procedures prescribed in this Section within ten years from and after January 1,~~  
14 ~~1975, all power and authority conferred hereby shall lapse, the district shall be~~  
15 ~~dissolved and all power and authority incident thereto shall become null and void as~~  
16 ~~a matter of law; provided that, in such event, all obligations, contractual or~~  
17 ~~otherwise, incurred by the district during its existence shall survive and shall be fully~~  
18 ~~enforceable in accordance with their terms.~~

19 H.E.(1) All services to be furnished within the district pursuant to any plan  
20 finally and conclusively adopted hereunder, shall may be furnished by the  
21 Downtown Development District or may be furnished, supplied, and administered  
22 by the city of New Orleans through its regularly constituted departments, agencies,  
23 boards, commissions, and instrumentalities as appropriate in the circumstances; and  
24 all capital improvements and facilities to be acquired, constructed, or provided  
25 within the district, whether from the proceeds of bonds or otherwise, shall likewise  
26 be so acquired, constructed, or provided by the city of New Orleans through its  
27 regularly constituted departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and  
28 instrumentalities as appropriate in the circumstances, it being the intention hereof to  
29 avoid absolutely the duplication of administrative and management efforts and



1 expense in the implementation of any plan adopted for the benefit of the district.

2 (2) In order to provide such services and/or provide, construct, or acquire  
3 such capital improvements or facilities the board may enter into contracts with the  
4 city of New Orleans. The cost of any such services, capital improvements, and  
5 facilities shall be paid for to the city of New Orleans from the proceeds of the special  
6 tax levied upon real property within the district as herein provided, or from the  
7 proceeds of bonds, as the case may be.

8 (3) ~~However, with the prior approval of the mayor and the city council, when~~  
9 ~~the~~ **The service** sought is ~~not~~ **ordinarily may be** provided by the city of New  
10 Orleans, **and** the board may contract with other entities ~~in accordance with the~~  
11 ~~approval of the mayor and the city council for such services.~~ The cost of such  
12 specially contracted services shall be paid for by the board with its funds budgeted  
13 therefor. **Any additional security patrols, public or private, or any other security**  
14 **or other services or betterments provided by the district shall be supplemental**  
15 **to existing personnel and services to be provided in the district by the state or**  
16 **the city of New Orleans, or their departments or agencies, or by other political**  
17 **subdivisions.**

18 **(4) The district may procure by informal bid, a public work with a value**  
19 **of one hundred fifty thousand dollars or less.**

20 ~~±F.~~ The city council, in addition to all other taxes which it is now or hereafter  
21 may be authorized by law to levy and collect, is hereby authorized to levy and collect  
22 as hereinafter specifically provided for a term not to exceed fifty years from and after  
23 the date the first tax is levied pursuant to the provisions of this Section, in the same  
24 manner and at the same time as all other ad valorem taxes on property subject to  
25 taxation by the city are levied and collected, a special ad valorem tax upon all taxable  
26 real property situated within the boundaries of the core area development district.  
27 The number of mills hereby authorized shall be computed by dividing the number  
28 of mills levied and collected by the city of New Orleans for general operating  
29 purposes for the year 1977 into the number of mills levied and collected by the city

1 of New Orleans for general operating purposes for the year 1978 and multiplying the  
2 result by ten. No such tax shall be levied until a plan requiring or requesting the levy  
3 of a tax is finally and conclusively adopted in accordance with the procedures  
4 prescribed in this Section. The proceeds of said tax shall be used solely and  
5 exclusively for the purposes and benefit of the district. Said proceeds shall be paid  
6 over to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, day by day as the same are collected and  
7 received by the appropriate officials of the city of New Orleans and maintained in  
8 a separate account. Said tax proceeds shall be paid out by the Board of Liquidation,  
9 City Debt, solely for the purposes herein provided upon warrants or drafts drawn on  
10 said Board of Liquidation, City Debt, by the appropriate officials of the city and the  
11 treasurer of the district.

12 ~~J.G.~~(1) The city of New Orleans, when requested by resolution adopted by  
13 the vote of a majority of the members of the board, approved by a resolution of the  
14 city council adopted by a majority vote of its members, and by resolution adopted  
15 by the vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt,  
16 shall have power and is hereby authorized to incur indebtedness for and on behalf  
17 and for the sole and exclusive benefit of the district, and to issue at one time, or from  
18 time to time, negotiable bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness herein  
19 referred to collectively as bonds of the city of New Orleans, the principal of,  
20 premium if any, and interest on which shall be payable solely from the proceeds of  
21 the special tax authorized, levied and collected pursuant to the provisions of this  
22 section for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring and constructing capital  
23 improvements and facilities within the district. Such bonds shall not constitute  
24 general obligations of the city of New Orleans, nor shall any property situated within  
25 the city other than property situated within the boundaries of the district be subject  
26 to taxation for the payment of the principal of, premium if any, and interest on such  
27 bonds. Furthermore, any indebtedness incurred by the city of New Orleans for and  
28 on behalf and for the benefit of the district pursuant to the provisions of this Section,  
29 whether evidenced by bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, or otherwise,

1 shall be excluded in determining the power of the city of New Orleans to incur  
2 indebtedness and to issue its general obligation bonds. The principal amount of such  
3 bonds which may be outstanding and unpaid at any one time shall never exceed the  
4 sum of fifty million (50,000,000) dollars. The proceeds derived from the sale of all  
5 such bonds shall be paid over to the appropriate officials of the city of New Orleans  
6 and shall be disbursed solely for the purposes and benefit of the district. All such  
7 bonds shall be sold by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, and shall bear such rate  
8 or rates of interest, and shall, except as herein otherwise specifically provided, be in  
9 such form, terms and denominations, be redeemable at such time or times at such  
10 price of or prices, and payable at such times and places, within a period of not  
11 exceeding fifty years from the date thereof, as the Board of Liquidation, City Debt,  
12 shall determine.

13 (2) Said bonds shall be signed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans and  
14 the director of finance of the city of New Orleans, or officers exercising a similar  
15 function, and countersigned by the president or vice president and the secretary or  
16 assistant secretary of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, provided that in the  
17 discretion of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, all but one of said signatures may  
18 be in facsimile, and the coupons attached to said bonds shall bear the facsimile  
19 signatures of said director of finance and said secretary or assistant secretary. In case  
20 any such officer whose signature or countersignature appears upon such a bond or  
21 coupon shall cease to be such officer before delivery of said bonds or coupons to the  
22 purchaser, such signature or countersignature shall nevertheless be valid for all  
23 purposes. The cost and expense of preparing and selling said bonds shall be paid  
24 from the proceeds thereof.

25 (3) The resolution of the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, authorizing the  
26 issuance and sale of such bonds and fixing the form and details thereof, may contain  
27 such other provisions, not inconsistent nor in conflict with the provisions of this  
28 Section, as it may deem to be necessary or advisable to enhance the marketability  
29 and acceptability thereof by purchasers and investors, including, but without limiting

1 the generality of the foregoing, covenants with bondholders setting forth (a)  
 2 conditions and limitations on the issuance of additional bonds constituting a lien and  
 3 charge on the special tax levied on real property within the district pari passu with  
 4 bonds theretofore issued and outstanding and (b) the creation of reserves for the  
 5 payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds. These bonds and the interest  
 6 thereon are exempt from all taxation levied for state, parish or municipal or other  
 7 local purposes; and savings banks, tutors of minors, curators of interdicts, trustees  
 8 and other fiduciaries are authorized to invest the funds in their hands in said bonds.

9 (4) The Board of Liquidation, City Debt, as now organized and created, and  
 10 with the powers, duties and functions prescribed by existing laws, shall be continued  
 11 so long as any bonds authorized by this Section are outstanding and unpaid.

12 ~~K.~~ H. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the contrary, no  
 13 tax authorized herein shall be levied and no bonds shall be issued unless and until the  
 14 maximum amount of the tax and the maximum amount of the bonds has been  
 15 approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon in the city of New Orleans in  
 16 an election called for that purpose. No bonds issued pursuant to this Section shall be  
 17 general obligations of the state of Louisiana, the parish of Orleans or the city of New  
 18 Orleans.

19 ~~L.~~ I. The district shall have the power to acquire, to lease, to insure and to sell  
 20 real property within its boundaries in accordance with its plans.

21 ~~M. The district shall have the power to advance to the city of New Orleans~~  
 22 ~~funds for payment for services rendered by the city pursuant to a contract or~~  
 23 ~~contracts between the district and the city.~~

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

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The original instrument was prepared by James Benton. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

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DIGEST

SB 364 Reengrossed                      2024 Regular Session                      Harris

Present law (R.S. 33:2740.3) provides for the creation of the Downtown Development District of the city of New Orleans. The purpose of the district is to provide for the orderly planning, development, acquisition, construction, and effectuation of the services, improvements, and facilities within the district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the council of the city of New Orleans, or its successor, shall have power and control over, and responsibility for, the functions, affairs and administration of the district. Proposed law deletes this provision of present law.

Present law provides that the board shall be composed of 11 members.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law changes present law so that the members of the board of commissioners are appointed as follows:

- (1) Two of the members shall be appointed by the mayor.
- (2) One of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans city council member representing City Council District B.
- (3) One of the members shall be appointed by New Orleans & Company.
- (4) Two of the members shall be appointed by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.
- (5) One of the members shall be appointed by the Greater New Orleans Hotel and Lodging Association
- (6) One of the members shall be appointed by the Louisiana Restaurant Association.
- (7) One of the members shall be appointed by the member or members of the La. House of Representatives who represent the district.
- (8) Two of the members shall be appointed by the member or members of the La. Senate who represent the district.

Present law provides that the members of the board initially appointed by the mayor shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) Two members for one year each.
- (2) Two members for two years each.
- (3) Two members for three years each.
- (4) Two members for four years each.
- (5) One member for five years.

Present law provides that the length of the term for each individual appointed to be determined by lot. They shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified.

Proposed law provides that upon the first meeting, the members of the board shall be randomly allotted terms as follows:

- (1) Three members for one year each.
- (2) Three members for two years each.
- (3) Three members for three years each.
- (4) Two members for four years.

Proposed law provides that each board member shall be required to annually provide an affidavit attesting that he has a principal place of business or own property in the Downtown Development District.

Present law provides that the board shall prepare a plan or plans specifying the public improvements, facilities and services proposed to be furnished, constructed or acquired for the district, and it shall conduct public hearings to disseminate such information.

Proposed law retains present law and adds public safety services and reducing homelessness to the list of specifications that shall be included in the prepared plan or plans.

Proposed law provides that the board shall conduct an annual presentation to the New Orleans city council regarding expenditures.

Present law provides that the board shall also submit the plan to the planning commission of the city of New Orleans. Proposed law deletes this provision of present law.

Present law provides that after receipt of the plan together with the written comments and recommendations of the city planning commission, the city council shall review and consider the plan, together with such written comments and recommendations. Proposed law deletes this provision of present law.

Present law provides that the board may prepare and submit directly to the city council a plan or plans setting forth its intention to employ professional consultants and experts and such other advisors and personnel as it deems necessary. Proposed law deletes this provision of present law.

Present law provides that all services to be furnished within the district pursuant to any plan, shall be furnished, supplied, and administered by the city of New Orleans. All capital improvements and facilities to be acquired, constructed, or provided within the district, shall likewise be so acquired, constructed, or provided by the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law but makes the furnishing of any adopted plan by the Downtown Development District to the city of New Orleans permissive as opposed to mandatory.

Present law provides that, with the prior approval of the mayor and the city council, when the service sought is not ordinarily provided by the city of New Orleans, the board may contract with other entities in accordance with the approval of the mayor and the city council.

Proposed law changes present law to forego the need for prior approval of the city of New Orleans and allows the board to contract with other entities.

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.

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. 33:2740.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Makes changes the membership of the board of commissioners of the district.
2. Requires an affidavit by each board member that he has a principal place of business or own property in the Downtown Development District be submitted annually.
3. 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.
4. 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 for initial staggered terms.
2. Technical amendment.