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2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 281

BY SENATOR BARROW

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for changes to the Baker Economic Development District. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9038.71(B), relative to the Baker Economic Development District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:9038.71(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§9038.71. Baker Economic Development District and Convention Center

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B. Boundaries. The district shall be comprised of all **nonresidential** parcels of land bordering Plank Road within the city limit boundaries of the ~~City~~ **city** of Baker**, excluding parcels of land used in whole or in part for residential purposes**; beginning at the northern city limits on Plank Road identified by the bridge as land parcel to the west approximately 250 yards past Lake Mary Drive directly adjacent to parcel 3624560: Tract Y-1 CONT 7.41 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PARTITION OF THE DR ERIC W DAY ESTATE, BEING LOTS 4-B-1, 3-A, 2-A, & A-1, OF THE T C PAULSEN & JJ MUNDINGER SUB & A 29.46

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 33:9038.71) established the Baker Economic Development District as a special taxing district and political subdivision of the state.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the purpose of the district is to provide for cooperative economic development in order to provide for the redevelopment of, and dramatic improvement to, the property within the district located in the city of Baker.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the boundaries of the district.

Proposed law makes changes to the boundaries of the district. Provides that the district shall encompass only nonresidential parcels.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:9038.71(B))

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Changes the boundaries of the district to encompass only nonresidential parcels.

2. Makes technical changes.

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