

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 327

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARNOLD

DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Provides relative to the powers and duties of the Algiers Development District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.27(H), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative to  
3 the Algiers Development District; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the  
4 district and its governing board, including the district's power to act as a  
5 redevelopment authority; to provide relative to the redevelopment of certain property  
6 owned by the district; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.27(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:  
12 §2740.27. The Algiers Development District; creation, composition, and powers;  
13 levy of ad valorem taxes and issuance of bonds

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15 H.(1) The district shall have the power to acquire, to lease, to insure, and to  
16 sell real or immovable property within its boundaries.

17 (2)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, with  
18 respect to any real or immovable property that is owned by the district and that either  
19 was formerly owned by the United States Department of the Navy or is immediately  
20 contiguous thereto, the district may lease, insure, mortgage or hypothecate, donate,

1        or sell such property or otherwise contract with respect to the management and  
 2        development of such property in any reasonable manner it deems necessary to fulfill  
 3        its mission as a redevelopment authority. In order to facilitate the redevelopment of  
 4        property, the district shall not be required to follow any other provision of law  
 5        applicable to property owned by a public body and shall not be required to receive  
 6        the approval of any other public entity or agency with respect to any action taken  
 7        pursuant to this Paragraph.

8                (b) The district may delegate its authority to make decisions necessary to  
 9        carry out the provisions of this Paragraph to a committee composed in whole or in  
 10        part of district board members; however, the district may reserve any authority it  
 11        deems necessary.

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

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the powers and duties of the Algiers Development District, including the district's power to act as a redevelopment authority.

Present law creates the Algiers Development District as a special taxing district comprised of all territory within the 15th ward of Orleans Parish. Provides that for federal purposes of military base realignment, the district shall be considered a local redevelopment authority. Provides that the city council of New Orleans, or its successor exercising the legislative powers of the city, shall have such power and control over, and responsibility for, the functions, affairs, and administration of the district as are prescribed. Provides that the district shall be governed by a seven-member board of commissioners.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the powers and duties of the district including the power to acquire, to lease, to insure, and to sell real property within its boundaries.

Proposed law retains present law and clarifies that the district is authorized to acquire, lease, insure, and sell immovable property within its boundaries. Additionally authorizes the district, with respect to immovable property owned by it and that either was formerly owned by the U.S. Dept. of the Navy or is immediately contiguous thereto, to lease, insure, mortgage or hypothecate, donate, or sell the property or otherwise contract with respect to the management and development of the property in order to fulfill its mission as a redevelopment authority.

Proposed law provides that the district shall not be required to follow any other provision of law applicable to property owned by a public body or be required to receive the approval of any other public entity or agency in order to take an action pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law authorizes the district to delegate its authority to make decisions necessary to carry out the provisions of proposed law to a committee composed in whole or in part of district board members. Additionally authorizes the district to reserve any authority it deems necessary.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.27(H))