
DIGEST

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HB No. 603

Abstract: Relative to the Hurstville Security and Neighborhood Improvement District, changes the amount and the expiration date of the parcel fee levied within the district and provides for the renewal of the fee. Prohibits the imposition of the fee upon certain parcels.

Present law creates the Hurstville Security and Neighborhood Improvement District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of promoting and encouraging security in the area included within the district and promoting and encouraging the beautification and overall betterment of the district. Provides for the district's boundaries, governance, and powers and duties. Authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, subject to voter approval, to levy a parcel fee on behalf of the district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the initial election on the question of the imposition of the fee shall be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that the fee shall expire on Dec. 31, 2014.

Proposed law instead provides that the fee shall expire on Dec. 31, 2022.

Present law authorizes renewal of the fee but requires that the election for the renewal be held at the same time as the mayoral primary election for the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law instead requires that the election for renewal be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans.

Present law prohibits the imposition of a fee on any parcel whose owner qualifies for property tax special assessment level as provided by the state constitution (Const. Art. VII, §18(G)(1)).

Proposed law retains present law and additionally prohibits the imposition of a fee on any parcel on which sits a certain type of uninhabitable accessory building which cannot be converted for commercial use. Provides additional requirements.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of proposed law shall not affect the parcel fee being

imposed within the district on the effective date of proposed law. Requires the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to continue to impose the parcel fee until it expires, as provided in the proposition approved by a majority of the district's registered voters voting on the proposition at an election held on Nov. 17, 2007. Further requires the governing authority of the city to begin to impose a parcel fee as provided in proposed law, if approved by a majority of the district's registered voters as provided in proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:9091.11(E)(intro para.) and (F)(intro para.), (3)(c), and (4); Repeals R.S. 33:9091.11(F)(3)(b))