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SENATE BILL NO. 237

BY SENATOR PETERSON

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for legislation relative to the BioDistrict New Orleans' board general powers. (8/1/13)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9039.68(B), relative to the general powers of the BioDistrict New Orleans' board; to provide a method by which the board may reduce or exclude lands from its original district; to authorize the creation of economic development projects within the original boundaries of the downtown development district and the BioDistrict New Orleans; 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. 33:9039.68(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§9039.68. General powers

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B.(1) At least ten days after publication of a notice in the official journal of the district, a public hearing shall be conducted, and the board may then designate one or more areas within or without the boundaries of the district as they may exist from time to time as a separate subdistrict or as an enlargement, **or reduction** of the original district, provided that subdistricts created by the board outside the then current boundaries of the district need not be contiguous to the district. Any territory

1 outside the original boundaries of the district which is sought to be included **or**  
 2 **excluded** in the district or designated as a separate subdistrict may only be so  
 3 included, **excluded**, or designated subject to the approval of the governing board of  
 4 the parish or municipality having jurisdiction over such territory. Each subdistrict  
 5 shall constitute a separate political subdivision of the state, governed by the district  
 6 board with the same powers of the district. Each designated subdistrict area shall be  
 7 representative of its geographic location and designated as "BioDistrict Economic  
 8 Development Subdistrict for \_\_\_\_\_".

9 (2)(a) In addition to any other provision of this Chapter, the owner or owners  
 10 of land whether or not contiguous to the district may file with the board a petition  
 11 requesting that ~~there~~ **their property** be included as an enlargement of the original  
 12 district, **excluded from the original district**, or designated as a separate subdistrict,  
 13 ~~the~~ **The land to be included or excluded in the district may be** described in the  
 14 petition by metes and bounds or by lot and block number if there is a recorded plat  
 15 of the area, ~~to be included in the district~~. The board shall hear and consider the  
 16 petition and may add **or reduce** the land described to the original district or  
 17 designated as a subdistrict in the petition if it is feasible, practicable, and to the  
 18 advantage of the district. Upon receipt of such petition and at least ten days after  
 19 publication of a notice in the official journal of the district, a public hearing shall be  
 20 conducted, and the board shall consider the petition and may then enlarge **or reduce**  
 21 the boundaries of the district or designate one or more areas within or without the  
 22 boundaries of the district as they may exist from time to time as a subdistrict if it is  
 23 practicable, feasible, and to the benefit of the district ~~to do so~~. **development of the**  
 24 **bioscience healthcare industries.**

25 (b) Subdistricts created outside the then current boundaries of the district  
 26 also need not be contiguous to the district. Any territory outside the district which  
 27 is sought to be included **or excluded** in the district or designated as a subdistrict,  
 28 may only be so ~~included~~ subject to the approval of the governing board of the parish  
 29 or municipality having jurisdiction over such territory. Each subdistrict shall

1 constitute a separate political subdivision of the state, governed by the district board  
 2 with the same powers of the district. Each designated subdistrict area shall be  
 3 representative of its geographic location and designated as " BioDistrict Economic  
 4 Development Subdistrict for \_\_\_\_\_".

5 (3) The territorial jurisdiction or boundaries of the district shall not be  
 6 expanded, **reduced**, or extended and no subdistrict shall be created to include any  
 7 area which is not entirely contained within the New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical  
 8 Area.

9 Section 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Act to the contrary, the New  
 10 Orleans Downtown Development District and BioDistrict New Orleans may exercise  
 11 all of their authority within their boundaries regardless of any overlapping  
 12 jurisdiction and may further undertake economic development projects within the  
 13 original boundaries of the downtown development district and the BioDistrict New  
 14 Orleans.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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#### DIGEST

Peterson (SB 237)

Present law authorizes the board to include or designate as a separate subdistrict certain properties of the BioDistrict in New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the board to exclude or reduce certain properties of the district.

Proposed law authorizes the creation of economic development projects within the original boundaries of the downtown development district and the BioDistrict in New Orleans.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 33:9039.68(B))