

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 237 By Senator Peterson

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Authorizes the BioDistrict New Orleans board to create subdistricts by reduction from the original district boundary and requires legislative approval of subdistricts created outside the boundaries of the district . (8/1/13)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Provides that notwithstanding proposed law, the BioDistrict New Orleans and the Downtown Development District of New Orleans continue to exercise all their authority within their boundaries regardless of overlapping jurisdictions.
2. Technical amendments

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

Present law creates the BioDistrict New Orleans, governed by a board of commissioners, to facilitate public and private research functions relative to the biosciences within the territorial jurisdiction of the district. Authorizes the board, after publication of notice in the official journal of the district and a public hearing, to designate one or more areas within or without the boundaries of the district as a separate subdistrict or as an enlargement of the original district and that provides that any subdistrict created outside the current district boundary need not be contiguous to the district. Requires that any territory outside the original boundaries of the district that is to be included in the district or as a subdistrict be subject to approval of the governing authority of the parish or municipality having jurisdiction over that territory.

Proposed law also authorizes the board to create a separate subdistrict by a reduction of the original district and requires legislative approval for any subdistrict created outside the original district boundaries instead of local approval.

Present law authorizes owners of land, whether or not the land is contiguous to the district, to petition the board requesting that their land be included as an enlargement of the original district or designated as a separate subdistrict. Authorizes the board to include the land in the original district or subdistrict. Proposed law retains these provisions but provides that the land owner may also petition to have his land excluded from the district or subdistrict.

Present law prohibits the expansion or extension of the territorial jurisdiction or boundaries of the district or the creation of a subdistrict that includes any area which is not entirely contained within the New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Proposed law provides that district boundary or territorial jurisdiction shall not be expanded, reduced, or extended and no subdistrict created that includes any area not entirely within the New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical Area unless approved by the legislature.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any provision proposed law the Downtown Development District of the City of New Orleans and the BioDistrict New Orleans may exercise all their authority within their boundaries regardless of any overlapping jurisdiction and may undertake economic development projects within the original boundaries of the downtown development district and the BioDistrict New Orleans.

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

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