

New law creates the Fort Pike Fire Protection District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state to provide additional fire protection personnel and services within the boundaries of the district. Provides for the district's boundaries and provides that the district will be governed by the members of the governing board of the Fort Pike Volunteer Fire Department District One. Provides for the district's powers and duties, including the authority to engage in the operation of firefighting equipment, the prevention of fire hazards, and the extinguishing of fires within the district.

New law authorizes the board, subject to voter approval, to levy annually an ad valorem tax not to exceed five mills. Requires that the proceeds of the tax be used solely and exclusively for the purpose and benefit of the district.

New law requires the district to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the La. Local Government Budget Act and provides that the district is subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant to existing law (R.S. 24:513(B)).

New law provides that the provisions of new law shall not be construed as changing or affecting the structure and organization or the distribution and redistribution of the powers and functions of the city of New Orleans. Provides that the city shall continue to provide fire protection personnel and services as authorized by applicable general and local laws and provides that the powers granted to the district pursuant to new law are supplemental to the powers granted to the city.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 5, 2013).

(Adds R.S. 40:1503.1)