

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 387

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

MUNICIPALITIES. Provides relative to local governing authorities and special districts.
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AN ACT

To enact Part XVI of Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:1420.21, relative to special districts; to provide for powers and authority in certain instances; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Part XVI of Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:1420.21 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART XVI. SPECIAL DISTRICTS-MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§1420.21. Powers when same governance

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, when the governing authority of a parish or municipality also serves as the governing authority of the special district authorized by state law to be created by it or by the parish or municipality's home rule charter, the special district shall have the same powers as that of the parish or municipality, including the power of taxation and the power to incur debt and issue bonds.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

1 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
2 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
3 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
4 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

LaFleur (SB 387)

Present law authorizes parishes and municipalities to establish various special districts for a variety of purposes including road development, recreation, economic development, water, sewerage, etc.

Present law provides many instances wherein the governing authority of the parish or municipality that created the special district also serves as the governing authority to the special district.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding any other provision of present law, when the governing authority of a parish or municipality also serves as the governing authority of the special district, the special district shall have the same powers as that to the parish or municipality, including the power of taxation and the power to incur debt and issue bonds.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:1420.21)