
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs
to Original House Bill No. 928 by Representative Hunter

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "enact" and before "relative to" delete "R.S. 33:9091.22," and insert
3 "R.S. 33:9099.2 and 9099.3,"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, at the beginning of line 3, change "Monroe-West Monroe Improvement and
6 Security District;" to "Monroe Improvement and Security District and the West Monroe
7 Improvement and Security District;"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 1, line 4, change "district" to "districts"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 1, line 10, after "Section 1." and before "hereby enacted" delete "R.S. 33:9091.22
12 is" and insert "R.S. 33:9099.2 and 9099.3 are"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 1, delete line 11 in its entirety and insert the following:

15 "§9099.2. Monroe Improvement and Security District"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 6

17 On page 1, line 14, after "as the" and before "Monroe Improvement" delete "Monroe-West"

18 AMENDMENT NO. 7

19 On page 1, delete lines 17 and 18 in their entirety and insert the following:

20 "B. Boundaries. The district shall include all property included within the
21 boundaries of House District No. 17 within the corporate limits of the city of
22 Monroe."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 8

24 On page 2, delete lines 9 through 14 in their entirety and insert the following:

25 "(a) Three members appointed by the member of the Louisiana House of
26 Representatives who represents House District No. 17.

27 (b) Two members appointed by the member of the Louisiana Senate who
28 represents Senate District No. 34.

29 (c) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of Monroe.

30 (d) One member appointed by the mayor of the town of Richwood.

31 (e) One member appointed by the member of the governing authority of the
32 city of Monroe who represents Council District No. 4

33 (f) One member appointed by the member of the governing authority of the
34 city of Monroe who represents Council District No. 5.

1 (2) All members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority."

2 AMENDMENT NO. 9

3 On page 2, at the beginning of line 15, change "(2)" to "(3)"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 10

5 On page 2, at the beginning of line 18, change "(3)" to "(4)"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 11

7 On page 2, at the beginning of line 23, change "(4)" to "(5)"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 12

9 On page 2, at the beginning of line 26, change "(5)" to "(6)"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 13

11 On page 3, line 10, after "Parcel fee." delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning
12 of line 11, delete "Monroe are hereby authorized to" and insert "The governing authority of
13 the city of Monroe may"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 14

15 On page 3, delete line 15 in its entirety and insert "one hundred fifty dollars per year for each
16 parcel zoned residential and four hundred fifty dollars for each parcel zoned commercial."

17 AMENDMENT NO. 15

18 On page 4, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert "valorem taxes are collected by the sheriff
19 of the parish of Ouachita. The sheriff shall collect and remit to the district all amounts
20 collected not more than sixty days after collection; however, the sheriff may retain one
21 percent of the amount collected as a collection fee."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 16

23 On page 4, line 7, after "district" delete the semi-colon ";" and delete the remainder of the
24 line and delete lines 8 through 10 in their entirety and insert a period "."

25 AMENDMENT NO. 17

26 On page 4 line 18, after "by the" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 19 in its
27 entirety and insert "city of Monroe."

28 AMENDMENT NO. 18

29 On page 4, line 21, after "board to the" and before "and such" delete "cities of Monroe and
30 West Monroe," and insert "city of Monroe."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 19

32 On page 4, line 22, after "by the" and before "pursuant to" delete "cities of Monroe and West
33 Monroe" and insert "city of Monroe"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 20

35 On page 4, delete lines 26 and 27 in their entirety and insert the following:

1 "§9099.3. West Monroe Improvement and Security District

2 A. Creation. There is hereby created within the parish of Ouachita, as more
 3 specifically provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and corporate
 4 which shall be known as the West Monroe Improvement and Security District,
 5 referred to in this Section as the "district". The district shall be a political
 6 subdivision of the state as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.

7 B. Boundaries. The district shall include all property included within the
 8 boundaries of House District No. 17 within the corporate limits of the city of West
 9 Monroe.

10 C. Purpose. The district is established for the primary object and purpose of
 11 promoting and encouraging the beautification, security, and overall betterment of the
 12 district.

13 D. Governance. (1) In order for the orderly development and effectuation
 14 of the services to be furnished by the district and to provide for the representation in
 15 the affairs of the district of those persons and interests immediately concerned with
 16 and affected by the purposes and development of the area included within the
 17 district, the affairs of the district shall be managed by the following persons:

18 (a) Two members appointed by the member of the Louisiana House of
 19 Representatives who represents House District No. 17.

20 (b) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of West Monroe.

21 (c) Two members appointed jointly by the members of the governing
 22 authority of the city of West Monroe.

23 (2) All members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

24 (3) The minute books and archives of the district shall be maintained by the
 25 board's secretary. The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the
 26 official custody of the board.

27 (4) The duties of the officers shall be fixed by bylaws adopted by the board.
 28 The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or advisable
 29 for conducting its business affairs. It shall hold regular meetings as shall be provided
 30 in the bylaws and may hold special meetings at such times and places within the
 31 district as may be prescribed in the bylaws.

32 (5) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the
 33 transaction of business. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall make
 34 them available through the board's secretary to residents of the district.

35 (6) The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

36 E. Powers and duties. The district, acting through the board, shall have the
 37 following powers and duties:

38 (1) To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to Subsection F of this
 39 Section and in accordance with a budget adopted as provided by Subsection G of this
 40 Section.

41 (2) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public, for
 42 the provision of security patrols in the district.

43 (3) To purchase items and supplies which the board deems instrumental to
 44 achieving the purpose of the district.

45 (4) To perform or have performed any other function or activity necessary
 46 for the achievement of the purpose of the district.

47 F. Parcel fee. The governing authority of the city of West Monroe may
 48 impose and collect a parcel fee within the district subject to and in accordance with
 49 the provisions of this Subsection.

50 (1) The amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution
 51 of the board. The fee shall be a flat fee per parcel of land, and the initial fee shall be
 52 one hundred fifty dollars per year for each parcel zoned residential and four hundred
 53 fifty dollars for each parcel zoned commercial.

54 (2)(a) The fee shall be imposed on each parcel located within the district.

55 (b) For purposes of this Section, "parcel" means a lot, a subdivided portion
 56 of ground, an individual tract, or a "condominium parcel" as defined in R.S.
 57 9:1121.103.

58 (c) The owner of each parcel shall be responsible for payment of the fee.

1 (3)(a) The fee shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has
2 been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting on the
3 proposition at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana
4 Election Code.

5 (b) The amount of the fee may be increased or decreased by duly adopted
6 resolution of the board if approved by a majority of the registered voters of the
7 district voting on the proposition at an election as provided in Subparagraph (a) of
8 this Paragraph.

9 (4) The fee shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ad
10 valorem taxes are collected by the sheriff of the parish of Ouachita. The sheriff shall
11 collect and remit to the district all amounts collected not more than sixty days after
12 collection; however, the sheriff may retain one percent of the amount collected as a
13 collection fee.

14 (5) Any parcel fee which is unpaid shall be added to the tax rolls of the
15 parish and shall be enforced with the same authority and subject to the same
16 penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

17 (6)(a) The proceeds of the fee shall be used solely and exclusively for the
18 purpose and benefit of the district.

19 G. Budget. (1) The board shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with
20 the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

21 (2) The district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant
22 to R.S. 24:513.

23 H. Miscellaneous provisions. (1) It is the purpose and intent of this Section
24 that the additional law enforcement or security personnel and their services provided
25 for through the fees authorized in this Section shall be supplemental to and not in
26 lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the city of West Monroe.

27 (2) If the district ceases to exist, all funds of the district shall be transmitted
28 by the board to the city of West Monroe, and such funds, together with any other
29 funds collected by the city of West Monroe pursuant to this Section, shall be
30 maintained in a separate account by the city and shall be used only to promote,
31 encourage, and enhance the security, beautification, and overall betterment of the
32 area included in the district."