

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 253 by Representative Tim Burns

DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Authorizes the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish to create a geographic information system district

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Relative to the powers granted to the district pursuant to provisions of proposed law, adds provision that proposed law shall not be construed to grant, to the district, the power of expropriation.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of St. Tammany Parish to create and establish, as a political subdivision, a geographic information system district for the development and application of geographic information systems. Provides that the boundaries of the district are coterminous with the boundaries of the parish.

Proposed law provides that the district is governed by a board composed of no less than five and no more than nine members as follows: the parish president and the assessor or their designees, one member appointed by the governing board of the St. Tammany Communication District No. 1, who may be a member of the governing board, and two members appointed by the parish governing authority, one of whom must represent municipalities located within the parish and one of whom must represent fire districts located within the parish. Authorizes the parish governing authority to appoint up to four additional members who may represent political subdivisions, organizations, or other entities located in the parish. Requires appointed board members to serve four-year staggered terms and requires that the parish president and assessor to serve during their terms of office. Provides that designees serve at the pleasure of the respective designating authority.

Proposed law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including the authority to incur debt, sue and be sued, adopt bylaws and rules and regulations, and to enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or private association, corporation, business entity, or individual. Provides that proposed law shall not be construed to grant the power of expropriation to the district. Provides that the district shall not be deemed to be an instrumentality of the state for purposes of the state civil service provisions of the state constitution.

Proposed law requires the board to adopt an annual budget and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:130.791-795)