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 DIGEST

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SB No. 387

Present law authorizes local governmental subdivisions (parishes and municipalities) to establish various special districts for a variety of purposes including road development, recreation, economic development, water, sewerage, etc. In some cases, the governing authority of the local governmental subdivision that created the special district serves as the governing authority of the special district.

Proposed law provides that if an action of the special district's governing authority requires the approval of the local governmental subdivision's governing authority and the local governmental subdivision's governing authority also serves as the special district's governing authority, the action of the special district's governing authority and the approval by the local governmental subdivision's governing authority may occur in one meeting of the local governmental subdivision's governing authority.

Proposed law limits its application to instances where the members of the local governmental subdivision's governing authority and the special district's governing authority are identical in number and in name.

Proposed law requires the governing authority of a local governmental subdivision and the governing authority of a special district to independently follow any notice requirements applicable to any actions taken by such entity.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:1420.21)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds limitation of proposed law applicability.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Requires governing authorities to independently follow any notice requirements applicable to any actions taken by such entity.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the reengrossed bill.

1. Removes provisions that grant special districts the same powers as those granted to a parish or municipality in those instances wherein a parish or municipality creates a special district and the governing authority of the parish or municipality also serves as the governing authority of the special district. Adds provisions authorizing an action of the special district's governing authority and the approval of such action by the local governmental subdivision's governing authority to occur in one meeting.