

2015 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 192

BY SENATOR JOHNS

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for the special taxing district within the city of Lake Charles. (8/1/15)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9038.57(B), (C), (F)(1) and (2)(c) and (G)(2), relative to the special taxing district within the city of Lake Charles; to provide for boundaries; to provide for its purpose; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:9038.57(B), (C), (F)(1) and (2)(c) and (G)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§9038.57. Taxing district in the city of Lake Charles

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B. Boundaries. The district shall be comprised of **all or a portion of the area of land described in R.S. 33:4699.1.** ~~the following areas:~~

~~(1) The area west of Lakeshore Drive commencing at South Board Du Lac Drive on the south to the north boundary of Veterans Park on the north.~~

~~(2) Any area described in R.S. 33:4699.1(A)(1), (B)(1)(a) and (b)(iii), and (C)(1).~~

C. Purpose. **(1)** The district shall have as its purpose cooperative economic

1 development between the city of Lake Charles, ~~Lake Charles Facilities, Inc., or the~~
2 ~~district~~, in order to provide for the **financing of the costs and expenses associated**
3 **with the** following:

4 ~~(1)(a)~~ **(a)** The renovation, restoration, and development of a hotel in the city of
5 Lake Charles within the area of the district set forth in Paragraph (B)(1) of this
6 Section.

7 ~~(2)(b)~~ **(b)** The utilization of sales tax increment financing of the costs and
8 expenses associated with infrastructure improvements constructed in accordance
9 with the Downtown Plan for the commercial or residential development of all or any
10 portion of the property located within the boundaries of the district **in accordance**
11 **with the terms and conditions of the voter referendum held on May 5, 2007, and**
12 **the design guidelines as referenced therein** as provided for in Subsection H of this
13 Section.

14 **(c) The site plan for any hotel constructed immediately adjacent to the**
15 **Lake Charles Civic Center pursuant to the authority of this Section shall set**
16 **forth the elevation and design of the hotel and designate the parking area**
17 **reserved for hotel guests. This site plan shall be approved by ordinance prior**
18 **to construction of the hotel by the governing authority of the city of Lake**
19 **Charles.**

20 **(2) As used herein the term "costs and expenses" shall include the costs**
21 **of construction, renovation, or relocation of the following:**

22 **(a) The hotel and related improvements.**

23 **(b) Public buildings and other public structures such as parking garages,**
24 **streets, sidewalks, streetlights, boardwalks, piers, marinas, and related works,**
25 **utilities, or fixtures.**

26 **(c) Any other costs associated with an economic development project as**
27 **provided for in R.S. 33:9035.1.**

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29 F. Hotel Occupancy Tax. (1) In order to provide funds for the purposes of the

Drive commencing at South Board Du Lac Drive on the south to the north boundary of Veterans Park on the north and any area described in present law.

Proposed law provides for the district to be comprised of all or a portion of the area of land described in R.S. 33:4699.1 which provides for development of the lakefront in the city.

Present law provides that the district have as its purpose cooperative economic development between the city of Lake Charles, Lake Charles Facilities, Inc., or the district, in order to provide for the renovation, restoration and development of a hotel within the area of the district.

Proposed law retains present law but deletes reference to Lake Charles Facilities, Inc. and requires the site plan for any hotel constructed immediately adjacent to the Lake Charles Civic Center. Proposed law further requires that the site plan be approved, by ordinance, prior to construction of the hotel by the governing authority of the city of Lake Charles.

Proposed law provides for costs and expenses of construction, restoration, or relocation of a hotel and related improvements, public buildings and other public structures and any other costs associated with an economic development project as provided in R.S. 33:9035.1.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 33:9038.57(B), (C), (F)(1) and (2)(c), and (G)(2))