

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 48

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

LOCAL AGENCIES. Authorizes the St. Mary Parish Council, the town of Berwick and Recreation District No. 3 to enter into a contract assigning to the town the obligation to provide service in the area of the district annexed by the town. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:4562.4, relative to St. Mary Parish; to authorize the governing authorities  
3 for the parish of St. Mary, the town of Berwick and Recreational District No. 3 of St.  
4 Mary Parish to enter contracts for certain services; to provide relative to taxes; and  
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:4562.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §4562.4. St. Mary Parish; contracts; taxes

10 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing  
11 authorities for the parish of St. Mary, the town of Berwick and Recreational  
12 District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish may enter into a written contract assigning the  
13 town the obligation to provide service in the area of the district annexed by the  
14 town. The contract shall include but not be limited to:

15 (1) Provisions that the district shall continue to levy and collect taxes  
16 within the boundaries of the town existing as of the effective date of this Act for  
17 the retirement of any outstanding tax secured bonds of the district existing as

1 of the effective date of this Act.

2 (2) Provisions that, during the time the contract is effective, the district  
3 shall not levy maintenance taxes authorized prior to the effective date of the  
4 contract within the boundaries of the town existing as of the effective date of  
5 this Act.

6 (3) Provisions that, during the time the contract is effective, the district  
7 shall not levy or collect any new maintenance taxes within the boundaries of the  
8 town existing as of the effective date of this Act.

9 (4) Provisions that, during the time the contract is effective, if the district  
10 issues any tax secured bonds, the assessed valuation of any properties within the  
11 boundaries of the town existing as of the effective date of this Act shall not be  
12 used in computing the capacity of the district to issue such bonds.

13 (5) Provisions that taxes shall not be levied or collected affecting any  
14 properties within the boundaries of the town existing as of the effective date of  
15 this Act for the retirement of new bonds of the district issued while the contract  
16 is effective, other than bonds issued to refinance bonds of the district  
17 outstanding as of the effective date of this Act, and further provides that any  
18 refinanced bonds shall not have an expiration date that extends beyond March  
19 1, 2025.

20 (6) Provisions authorizing the St. Mary Parish Council, the town of  
21 Berwick, and Recreational District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish to change  
22 boundaries of the district so as to exclude any properties that are within the  
23 boundaries of the town existing as of the effective date of this Act, provided the  
24 changed boundaries do not violate any tax secured bonds of the district  
25 outstanding as of the effective date of this Act or refinanced bonds issued to  
26 refinance such bonds, provided any refinanced bonds shall not have an  
27 expiration date that extends beyond March 1, 2025.

28 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 3 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument was prepared by Michael Bell. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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## DIGEST

SB 48 Engrossed

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Proposed law authorizes the St. Mary Parish Council, the town of Berwick and Recreational District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish to enter into a written contract assigning the town the obligation to provide services in the area of the district annexed by the town.

Proposed law provides for the contract to include the following:

- (1) Provisions that the district shall continue to levy and collect taxes in the town existing on the effective date of proposed law for the retirement of any outstanding tax secured bonds of the district that exist on the effective date of proposed law.
- (2) Provisions that, during the time the contract is effective, the district shall not levy maintenance taxes authorized prior to execution of the contract within the boundaries of the town as those boundaries exist on the effective date of proposed law.
- (3) Provisions that, during the time the contract is effective, the district shall not levy or collect any new maintenance taxes within the boundaries of the town as those boundaries exist on the effective date of proposed law.
- (4) Provisions that, if the district issues any tax secured bonds during the time the contract is effective, the assessed valuation of any properties within the boundaries of the town as those boundaries exist on the effective date of proposed law shall not be used in computing the capacity of the district to issue such bonds.
- (5) Provisions that taxes not be levied or collected affecting any properties within the boundaries of the town as those boundaries exist on the effective date of proposed law for the retirement of new bonds of the district issued while the contract is effective, other than bonds issued to refinance the bonds of the district outstanding as of the effective date of proposed law, and further provides that any refinanced bonds shall not have an expiration date beyond March 1, 2025.
- (6) Provisions authorizing the St. Mary Parish Council, the town of Berwick, and Recreational District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish to change boundaries of the district so as to exclude any properties that are within the boundaries of the town existing on the effective date of proposed law, provided the changed boundaries do not violate any tax secured bonds of the district outstanding as of the date proposed law is effective or refinanced bonds issued to refinance such bonds, provided any refinanced bonds shall not have an expiration date that extends beyond March 1, 2015.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:4562.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Adds provisions to clarify that the geographic boundaries of the town to be applied are those boundaries of the town that exist on the effective date of proposed law.
2. Adds provisions to allow for taxes to be levied and collected by the district within the geographic area that the district and town overlap for the refinancing of bonds that are outstanding on the effective date of proposed law.
3. Adds requirement that refinanced bonds not have an expiration date that extends beyond March 1, 2025.