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DIGEST

Proposed law creates the Carrollton-Riverbend Neighborhood Association Security District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of promoting and encouraging security in the area included within the district. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law provides that the district shall be governed by a board of nine commissioners all of whom shall be residents of the district. Provides that the board shall be composed as follows:

- (1) The president of the Carrollton-Riverbend Neighborhood Association.
- (2) Four members appointed by the board of directors of the Carrollton-Riverbend Neighborhood Association.
- (3) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans from a list of nominations submitted by the Carrollton-Riverbend Neighborhood Association.
- (4) One member appointed by the member of the La. House of Representatives whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district from a list of nominations submitted by the Carrollton-Riverbend Neighborhood Association.
- (5) One member appointed by the membr of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district from a list of nominations submitted by the Carrollton-Riverbend Neighborhood Association.
- (6) One member appointed by the member of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans whose council district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district from a list of nominations submitted by the Carrollton-Riverbend Neighborhood Association.

Proposed law provides that appointed board members shall serve four-year staggered terms. Provides that the president of the Carrollton-Riverbend Neighborhood Association shall serve during his term of office. Further provides that members shall serve without compensation.

Proposed law requires the board to elect from its members a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary-treasurer, and such other officers it deems necessary. Provides that the duties of the officers shall be fixed by the bylaws adopted by the board.

Proposed law provides that the district, through its board of commissioners, shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- (3) To receive and expend funds collected pursuant to proposed law and in accordance with a budget adopted as provided by proposed law.
- (4) To enter into contracts with individuals or entities, private or public, for the provision of security patrols in the district.
- (5) To purchase items and supplies which the board deems instrumental to achieving the purpose of the district.
- (6) To perform or have performed any other function or activity necessary for the achievement of the purpose of the district.
- (7) To acquire, lease, insure, and sell real property within its boundaries in accordance with district plans.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to levy and collect a parcel fee within the district. Provides that the amount of the fee shall be as requested by duly adopted resolution of the board of the district. Further provides that the fee shall be a flat fee per improved parcel of land not to exceed \$240 per year.

Proposed law defines a parcel as a lot, a subdivided portion of ground, an individual tract, or a condominium parcel. Further provides that the owner of each parcel shall be responsible for payment of the fee.

Proposed law provides that the fee shall be imposed only after the question of its imposition has been approved by a majority of the registered voters of the district voting at an election held for that purpose. Provides that the amount of the fee may be changed by duly adopted board resolution, not to exceed the maximum amount authorized by proposed law. Provides that no other election shall be required except as provided by proposed law.

Proposed law requires that the initial election on the question of the imposition of the fee be held at the same time as a regularly scheduled election in the city of New Orleans. Provides that the fee shall expire on December 31 after the 2014 mayoral election for the city of New Orleans. Authorizes renewal of such fee. Provides that any election to authorize fee renewal shall be held only at the same time as the mayoral primary election.

Proposed law provides that if the fee is renewed, the term of the imposition of the fee shall be provided in the proposition authorizing such renewal, not to exceed eight years.

Proposed law provides that no tax shall be imposed upon any parcel whose owner qualifies for the Louisiana Special Assessment Level provided by Const. Art. VII §18(G)(1) for persons age

65 or older meeting certain income and other criteria.

Proposed law provides that the fee shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as all other ad valorem taxes on property subject to taxation by the city are levied and collected. Provides that any fee which is unpaid shall be added to the tax rolls of the city and shall be enforced with the same authority and subject to the same penalties and procedures as unpaid ad valorem taxes.

Proposed law provides that the proceeds of the fee shall be used solely and exclusively for the purpose and benefit of the district. Authorizes the city to retain 1% of the amount collected as a collection fee. Provides that the proceeds shall be paid over to the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, day-by-day as the same are collected and received by the appropriate officials of the city of New Orleans and maintained in a separate account. Further provides that the proceeds shall be paid out by the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, solely for the purposes provided in proposed law upon warrants or drafts on the Board of Liquidation, City Debt, by the appropriate officials of the city and the treasurer of the district.

Proposed law requires the board of commissioners to adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act and provides that the district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law provides that it is the purpose and intent of proposed law that any additional security patrols, public or private, provided by the district shall be supplemental to and not in lieu of personnel and services provided in the district by the New Orleans Police Department.

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