

**ACT No. 155**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 253

BY REPRESENTATIVES TIM BURNS, HOLLIS, PEARSON, RITCHIE, AND SIMON  
AND SENATORS CROWE, DONAHUE, AND NEVERS

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart B-42 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
3 of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:130.791 through 130.795, relative to  
4 St. Tammany Parish; to authorize the governing authority of the parish to create a  
5 geographic information system district; to provide relative to the governing board of  
6 the district; to provide for the powers, duties, and functions of the district; and to  
7 provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
9 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
10 Louisiana.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. Subpart B-42 of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised  
13 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:130.791 through 130.795, is hereby enacted to read  
14 as follows:

15 SUBPART B-42. ST. TAMMANY PARISH GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
16 SYSTEM DISTRICT

17 §130.791. St. Tammany Parish Geographic Information System District; creation;  
18 purpose; boundaries

19 A.(1) The governing authority of the parish of St. Tammany may create and  
20 establish a body politic and corporate entity for the purpose of the development and  
21 application of geographic information systems, including but not limited to base data  
22 regarding property ownership, population, demographics, political boundaries,  
23 emergency service areas, land use, streets, addresses, roads, bridges, utilities,

1 easements, servitudes, rights-of-way, subdivisions, flood plains, and subdivision  
 2 restrictions.

3 (2) If created and established pursuant to this Section, the district shall be a  
 4 political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, as defined in Article VI, Section 44  
 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and shall be known as the St. Tammany Parish  
 6 Geographic Information System District, referred to in this Subpart as the "district".

7 (3) The district may also assist with homeland security and emergency  
 8 preparedness as well as the technical aspects and support of the various geographic  
 9 information system computer systems of political subdivisions and other public  
 10 entities within the parish of St. Tammany, including but not limited to advice and  
 11 support on geographic information system hardware, software, networking, or other  
 12 such geographic information system information technology issues.

13 (4) No other provision of this Subpart shall be effective or operative unless  
 14 the district is created and established by the governing authority of the parish of  
 15 St. Tammany pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

16 B. The boundaries of the district shall be coterminous with the boundaries  
 17 of the parish of St. Tammany.

18 §130.792. Board of commissioners; membership

19 A. The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, referred to  
 20 in this Subpart as the "board", composed of no less than five and no more than nine  
 21 members as follows:

22 (1) The president of the parish of St. Tammany or his designee.

23 (2) The assessor of the parish of St. Tammany or his designee.

24 (3) One member shall be appointed by the governing board of the St.  
 25 Tammany Parish Communication District No. 1 who may be a member of the  
 26 governing board of the district.

27 (4) One member who represents municipalities located within the parish of  
 28 St. Tammany shall be appointed by the governing authority of the parish of  
 29 St. Tammany. The governing authority shall appoint the person who is selected by

1 a majority of the mayors of all of the municipalities located within the parish of St. Tammany.

2 (5) One member who represents fire districts located within the parish of  
3 St. Tammany shall be appointed by the governing authority of the parish of  
4 St. Tammany. The governing authority shall appoint the person who is selected by  
5 a majority of fire chiefs of all of the fire districts located in the parish of  
6 St. Tammany.

7 (6) The governing authority of the parish of St. Tammany may appoint up  
8 to four additional members of the board. Each additional member may represent a  
9 political subdivision, organization, or other entity located within the parish of  
10 St. Tammany; however, only one member may be appointed to represent any  
11 particular political subdivision, organization, or entity. The parish governing  
12 authority may establish criteria that a political subdivision, organization, or other  
13 entity must meet in order to be represented on the board.

14 B.(1) Board members serving pursuant to Paragraphs (A)(3), (4), and (5) of  
15 this Section shall serve four-year terms after initial terms as provided for in this  
16 Paragraph. One member shall serve an initial term of two years; one member shall  
17 serve three years; and one member shall serve four years, all as determined by lot at  
18 the first meeting of the board. Board members serving pursuant to Paragraph (A)(6)  
19 of this Section shall serve four-year terms. The first two members appointed  
20 pursuant to Paragraph (A)(6) of this Section shall serve initial terms of two years.

21 (2) Each board member serving pursuant to Paragraphs (A)(1) and (2) of this  
22 Section shall serve during his term of office.

23 (3) Any designee serving on the board shall serve at the pleasure of the  
24 designating authority.

25 C. Any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of the term for which  
26 a member of the board has been appointed shall be filled for the remainder of the  
27 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

28 D. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

29 E. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

1           §130.793. Board officers; meetings quorum; rules report

2                   A. The board shall elect from its members a chair, a vice chair, a secretary,  
 3                   and a treasurer. The board may combine such offices or elect other officers as it  
 4                   deems necessary.

5                   B. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall make them  
 6                   available through the secretary of the board to residents of the district. The minute  
 7                   books and archives of the district shall be maintained by the secretary of the board.  
 8                   The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall be in the official custody of the  
 9                   board.

10                  C. The board may adopt bylaws or such other rules and regulations as it  
 11                  deems necessary or advisable for conducting its business affairs.

12                  D. The board shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly and may hold  
 13                  special meetings at such times and places within the district as may be prescribed by  
 14                  the board.

15                  E. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the  
 16                  transaction of business.

17           §130.794. Powers and duties

18                   A. The district shall have and exercise all powers of a political subdivision  
 19                   necessary or convenient for the purpose of funding the district and carrying out its  
 20                   objects and purposes, including but not limited to the following:

- 21                   (1) To incur debt.
- 22                   (2) To sue and be sued.
- 23                   (3) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- 24                   (4) To adopt bylaws and rules and regulations.
- 25                   (5) To receive by gift, grant, donation, or otherwise any sum of money,  
 26                   property, aid, or assistance from the United States, the state of Louisiana, or any  
 27                   political subdivision thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation.
- 28                   (6) To enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the  
 29                   state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or  
 30                   private association, corporation, business entity, or individual.

1                   (7) To elect officers and appoint agents and employees, prescribe their  
2                   duties, and fix their compensation.

3                   (8) To acquire property by purchase, gift, grant, donation, lease, or  
4                   otherwise.

5                   (9) To establish monetary, bank, and investment accounts.

6                   (10) To establish committees or subcommittees.

7                   (11) The provisions of this Section shall not be construed to authorize or  
8                   grant the power of expropriation to the St. Tammany Parish Geographic Information  
9                   System District.

10                  B. The district shall not be deemed to be an instrumentality of the state for  
11                  purposes of Article X, Section 1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

12                  §130.795. Budget

13                  A. The board shall adopt an annual budget in accordance with the Local  
14                  Government Budget Act, R.S. 39:1301 et seq.

15                  B. The district shall be subject to audit by the legislative auditor pursuant to  
16                  R.S. 24:513.

17                  Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
18                  signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
19                  by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
20                  vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
21                  effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_