

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE

CORPORATIONS: Allows the word "parish" to be used in the naming of a nonprofit corporation

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 12:204.2, relative to nonprofit corporations; to provide for  
3 naming; to allow for the use of "parish" in the name; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 12:204.2 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §204.2. Naming of certain nonprofit corporations

8 Notwithstanding R.S. 12:204 or any other law to the contrary, a nonprofit  
9 corporation, incorporated under the laws of the state of Louisiana, may include the  
10 word "parish" in its name. ~~if the corporation meets all of the following criteria:~~

11 ~~(1) The nonprofit corporation was created before 1925 to improve parish~~  
12 ~~government.~~

13 ~~(2) Membership in the nonprofit corporation is held by each police juror and~~  
14 ~~all secretaries, treasurers, clerks and parish engineers employed by any parish in~~  
15 ~~Louisiana.~~

16 ~~(3) The full-time staff of the nonprofit corporation is charged with the~~  
17 ~~responsibility of keeping state and national public officials informed of the activities~~  
18 ~~and needs of the parish governing authorities.~~

19 ~~(4) The provisions of this Section shall become null and void and have no~~  
20 ~~effect on and after July 1, 2006.~~

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Allows the name of a nonprofit corporation to include the word "parish".

Present law prohibits the use of the various words in the naming of a corporation, including the word "parish". However, prior to July 1, 2006, present law allowed the use of the word "parish" in the naming of certain nonprofit corporations if they: (1) were created prior to 1925 to improve parish government, (2) had membership held by each police juror and other employees of the parish, and (3) charged the staff with the responsibility of keeping state and national public officials informed of the activities and needs of the parish governing authority.

Proposed law allows any nonprofit corporation incorporated under the laws of the state to include the word "parish" in its name.

(Amends R.S. 12:204.2)