

SENATE BILL NO. 237

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9039.68(B), relative to the general powers of the BioDistrict New Orleans board; to provide a method by which the board may reduce or exclude lands from its original district; to require legislative approval of any territorial changes to the BioDistrict boundaries; to authorize the creation of economic development projects within the original boundaries of the downtown development district and the BioDistrict New Orleans; 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. 33:9039.68(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
§9039.68. General powers

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B.(1) At least ten days after publication of a notice in the official journal of the district, a public hearing shall be conducted, and the board may then designate one or more areas within or without the boundaries of the district as they may exist from time to time as a separate subdistrict, or as an enlargement **or reduction** of the original district, provided that subdistricts created by the board outside the then current boundaries of the district need not be contiguous to the district. Any territory outside the original boundaries of the district ~~which~~ **that** is sought to be included **or excluded** in the district, or designated as a separate subdistrict, may only be so included, **excluded**, or designated subject to the approval of the ~~governing board of the parish or municipality having jurisdiction over such territory~~ **Legislature of Louisiana**. Each subdistrict shall constitute a separate political subdivision of the state, governed by the district board with the same powers of the district. Each designated subdistrict area shall be representative of its geographic location and

1 designated as "BioDistrict Economic Development Subdistrict for
2 _____".

3 (2)(a) In addition to any other provision of this Chapter, the owner or owners
4 of land whether or not contiguous to the district may file with the board a petition
5 requesting that ~~there~~ **their property** be included as an enlargement of the original
6 district, **excluded from the original district**, or designated as a separate subdistrict,
7 ~~the~~ **The land to be included or excluded in the district may be** described in the
8 petition by metes and bounds or by lot and block number if there is a recorded plat
9 of the area ~~to be included in the district~~. The board shall hear and consider the
10 petition and may add **or reduce** the land described to the original district or
11 designated as a subdistrict in the petition if it is feasible, practicable, and to the
12 advantage of the district. Upon receipt of such petition and at least ten days after
13 publication of a notice in the official journal of the district, a public hearing shall be
14 conducted, and the board shall consider the petition and may then enlarge **or reduce**
15 the boundaries of the district or designate one or more areas within or without the
16 boundaries of the district as they may exist from time to time as a subdistrict if it is
17 practicable, feasible, and to the benefit of the ~~district to do so~~ **development of the**
18 **bioscience healthcare industries**.

19 (b) Subdistricts created outside the then current boundaries of the district
20 also need not be contiguous to the district. Any territory outside the district ~~which~~
21 **that** is sought to be included **or excluded** in the district or designated as a
22 subdistrict, may only be so ~~included~~ subject to the approval of the ~~governing board~~
23 ~~of the parish or municipality having jurisdiction over such territory~~ **Legislature of**
24 **Louisiana**. Each subdistrict shall constitute a separate political subdivision of the
25 state, governed by the district board with the same powers of the district. Each
26 designated subdistrict area shall be representative of its geographic location and
27 designated as " BioDistrict Economic Development Subdistrict for
28 _____".

29 (3) ~~The~~ **No** territorial jurisdiction or boundaries of the district shall ~~not~~
30 expanded, **reduced**, or extended and no subdistrict shall be created to include any

1 area ~~which~~ **that** is not entirely contained within the New Orleans Metropolitan
2 Statistical Area **without the approval of the Legislature of Louisiana.**

3 Section 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Act to the contrary, the Downtown
4 Development District of the City of New Orleans and the BioDistrict New Orleans may
5 exercise all of their authority within their boundaries regardless of any overlapping
6 jurisdiction and may further undertake economic development projects within the original
7 boundaries of the downtown development district and the BioDistrict New Orleans.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____