

SENATE BILL NO. 48

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

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 July 1, 2016, for the retirement**  
17 **of any outstanding tax-secured bonds of the district existing as of July 1, 2016.**

18 **(2) Provisions that, during the time the contract is effective, the district**  
19 **shall not levy maintenance taxes authorized prior to the effective date of the**  
20 **contract within the boundaries of the town existing as of July 1, 2016.**

21 **(3) Provisions that, during the time the contract is effective, the district**  
22 **shall not levy or collect any new maintenance taxes within the boundaries of the**  
23 **town existing as of July 1, 2016.**

24 **(4) Provisions that, during the time the contract is effective, if the district**  
25 **issues any tax-secured bonds, the assessed valuation of any properties within the**  
26 **boundaries of the town existing as of July 1, 2016, shall not be used in**  
27 **computing the capacity of the district to issue such bonds.**

1                   **(5) Provisions that taxes shall not be levied or collected affecting any**  
 2                   **properties within the boundaries of the town existing as of July 1, 2016, for the**  
 3                   **retirement of new bonds of the district issued while the contract is effective,**  
 4                   **other than bonds issued to refinance bonds of the district outstanding as of July**  
 5                   **1, 2016, and further provides that any refinanced bonds shall not have an**  
 6                   **expiration date that extends beyond March 1, 2025.**

7                   **(6) Provisions authorizing the St. Mary Parish Council, the town of**  
 8                   **Berwick, and Recreational District No. 3 of St. Mary Parish to change**  
 9                   **boundaries of the district so as to exclude any properties that are within the**  
 10                   **boundaries of the town existing as of July 1, 2016, provided the changed**  
 11                   **boundaries do not violate any tax-secured bonds of the district outstanding as**  
 12                   **of July 1, 2016, or refinanced bonds issued to refinance such bonds, provided**  
 13                   **any refinanced bonds shall not have an expiration date that extends beyond**  
 14                   **March 1, 2025.**

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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