

SENATE BILL NO. 482

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:601(A), to enact R.S. 48:601(E) and (F), and to repeal R.S. 48:601(D)(2)(c), relative to St. Landry Parish; to provide for the absorption of parish road districts upon creation of a new parishwide road district; to require the creation of certain drainage districts; 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. 48:601(A) is hereby amended and reenacted, and R.S. 48:601(E) and (F) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§601. St. Landry Parish Road District

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, specifically R.S. 48:573 and R.S. 48:590, the governing authority of St. Landry Parish is hereby authorized to establish a road district, **and such district shall become effective upon approval by a majority of the registered voters of St. Landry Parish voting on the proposition at an election held for that purpose in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code.** ~~which~~ **The district** shall be comprised of St. Landry Parish in its entirety.

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**E.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon**

1 the district becoming effective, the parish road districts created pursuant  
2 to R.S. 48:600, 600.1, 600.2, 600.3 and 600.4 shall be absorbed into the  
3 district and shall be subject to the provisions of this Section.

4 (2) The district shall be the successor to any district absorbed  
5 pursuant to this Subsection. All unfinished business, documents, liens  
6 against property for unpaid taxes, money, movable, and immovable  
7 property, and books and records of the absorbed road districts shall be  
8 transferred to and become the responsibility and property of the district.  
9 Any legal proceeding to which the district is a party and which is filed,  
10 initiated, or pending before any court on the effective date of abolition  
11 and all documents involved in or affected by said legal proceeding shall  
12 retain their effectiveness and shall be continued in the name of the  
13 district. All obligations of the absorbed districts shall become the  
14 obligations of the St. Landry Parish Road District.

15 (3) Until such time as the district proposes a parish wide tax and  
16 it is approved by voters as provided in Subsection D, the district shall  
17 continue to levy the ad valorem and sales taxes authorized by the  
18 electorate of each former district, and the revenues generated in each  
19 former district must be utilized for benefit of that former district.

20 F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
21 upon the district becoming effective, the parish governing authority shall  
22 create drainage districts having boundaries coterminous with the  
23 boundaries of the road districts being absorbed. Such drainage districts  
24 shall have all the powers provided by law to construct, acquire, operate  
25 and maintain drainage facilities in their respective districts.

26 Section 2. R.S. 48:601(D)(2)(c) is hereby repealed.

27 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon the first date to occur among  
28 the following: (1) the signature of the governor or, if not signed by the governor,  
29 upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the  
30 governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana, or

1 (2) if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act  
2 shall become effective on the day following such action, or (3) July 1, 2010.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_