

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR MILLIGAN

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Urges the mayor and city council of Shreveport to study and make recommendations relative to a crime prevention district for the city.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request that the mayor and city council of the city of Shreveport study and make
3 recommendations to the legislature relative to the feasibility and potential efficacy
4 of a crime prevention and improvement district.

5 WHEREAS, the city of Shreveport has been recognized nationally as a great place
6 to live because of its affordability, manageable traffic, mild winters, arts culture, and
7 Southern cuisine; and

8 WHEREAS, Shreveport is famous as the economic and industrial hub for the three-
9 state area known as Ark-La-Tex, with petroleum, natural gas, chemicals, iron and steel
10 goods, cotton, and timber being some of the most essential items in the industry; and

11 WHEREAS, while Shreveport is a great place to work, live, and raise a family,
12 concerns about crime and safety have the potential to detract from its desirability and
13 blemish its sterling reputation; and

14 WHEREAS, while in the last year overall crime in Shreveport was down by seven
15 percent, and crimes such as murder and aggravated assault saw a decrease as well, a number
16 of violent crimes have made headlines and caused fear for the citizens despite law
17 enforcement's best efforts; and

18 WHEREAS, a strategic approach to addressing crime and crime prevention in

1 Shreveport is essential to reducing the city's crime rate and enhancing the quality of life for
2 residents and the success of local businesses; and

3 WHEREAS, consideration should be given to any tools that might be offered to
4 reduce or prevent crime and protect the property and citizenry of one of the state's great
5 cities; and

6 WHEREAS, state law provides for the creation, within a parish or other political
7 subdivision, of certain bodies politic and corporate, namely crime prevention and
8 improvement districts, which are political subdivision of the state, for the purpose of aiding
9 in crime prevention and adding to the security of district residents by, among other things,
10 providing for an increase in the presence of law enforcement personnel in the district and
11 funding off-duty law enforcement patrols, enhanced lighting, and camera systems to aid law
12 enforcement; and

13 WHEREAS, these crime prevention and improvement districts are a partnership of
14 neighborhood associations, law enforcement, local elected officials, and corresponding state
15 legislators, and require approval of the legislature to determine each district's boundaries,
16 powers, and duties; and

17 WHEREAS, a study should be made to determine the feasibility and potential
18 efficacy of creating a crime prevention and improvement district in and for the city of
19 Shreveport to meet the paramount goals of safety and security.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
21 does hereby urge and request that the mayor and the city council of the city of Shreveport
22 study and make recommendations to the legislature relative to the feasibility and potential
23 efficacy of a crime prevention and improvement district for the city of Shreveport.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this study, the mayor and city
25 council should seek input from and work with the various neighborhood associations and
26 homeowners associations throughout the city and the corresponding state and local elected
27 representatives, as well as any other persons or entities deemed to have information or
28 interests pertinent to the study.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the mayor and city council should report its
30 findings and recommendations to the legislature as early as possible prior to the start of the

1 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
3 mayor and the city council of the city of Shreveport.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement Jr.

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