

SENATE BILL NO. 589

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4562.3(D) and to enact R.S. 33:4562.3(F) and (G), relative to the Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District; to remove certain requirements relative to the district's budget; to provide for district's authority and duties; 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. 33:4562.3(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:4562.3(F) and (G) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4562.3. Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District; creation; boundaries; objects and purposes; governing authority; powers

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D. The district is declared to be a political subdivision of the state with all the rights and powers thereof to levy taxes, incur debt, and issue bonds, subject to the approval of the parish governing authority and approval by a majority of the electors of the district voting at an election called by the parish governing authority and held for such purposes. The district may exercise all powers granted by law to recreation districts created pursuant to R.S. 33:4562 et seq.; ~~however, the district shall annually submit to the governing authority of the parish a budget for its operations and capital expenditures during the ensuing year, and the governing authority may approve or disapprove such budget. Upon approval of the budget the district shall proceed to act thereunder.~~

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F. For the first thirty-six months of operation, all revenue generated by the assets of the district shall be dedicated to the operation and maintenance of,

1 equipment for, and improvements to the district.

2 G. The district, acting through its board of commissioners, shall
3 specifically have the following authority and duties:

4 (1) To hire a director and such other personnel as may be necessary to
5 carry out the directions and instructions of the board and perform such other
6 acts as may be directed by the board.

7 (2) To develop and implement a utilization policy for the assets of the
8 district that supports the use of the assets by the residents of the district and
9 limits the times at which access to the assets are restricted for private or
10 exclusive functions.

11 (3) To adopt and implement a schedule for fees, rental, or service charges
12 for the use of district assets for private or exclusive functions.

13 (4) To adopt and implement a policy regarding all revenue generated by
14 the assets of the district, including concession sales, the sale of space for signage,
15 and the reservation of ball parks.

16 (5) To develop and deliver recreational programming and enrichment
17 activities that encourage the use of the district's assets by residents of the
18 district.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____