

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3168

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. GOULD

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL TO PROVIDE A LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF BOND AND TAX ELECTIONS HELD EACH YEAR BY TAXING AUTHORITIES REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL TO HOLD ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, in the recent legislative session, Senate Bill No. 108 proposed to amend and reenact Louisiana R.S. 18:402(F) and 1352, relative to the Louisiana Election Code. At the Parish Council meeting held on June 2, 2011, the Parish Council adopted Resolution C-3145, expressing its opposition to SB 108 because, for all the reasons stated therein, the bill as proposed would have caused a hardship for local political subdivisions throughout Louisiana by severely limiting available election dates and therefore limiting opportunities to continue or create valuable revenue; and

WHEREAS, the intent and purpose of Senate Bill No. 108 was to reduce the expenditure of tax dollars by reducing the number of bond and tax elections held in a given year; and

WHEREAS, the Bill as proposed restricts bond or tax elections to dates on which regularly scheduled primary or general elections for statewide or congressional office are held. Because elections for congressional office are held every 2 years and elections for statewide office are only held every 4 years, no bond or tax election dates will be available in every 4th year; and

WHEREAS, although the St. Tammany Parish Council opposed SB 108 as proposed, the St. Tammany Parish Council fully supports the intent and purpose of SB 108 as a measure to save taxpayer dollars and, therefore, provides the alternative set forth in this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, current law provides for 2 Spring election dates and 2 Fall election dates. A schedule of elections dates are available on the website of the Louisiana Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the St. Tammany Parish Council, in order to conserve the expenditure of tax dollars in holding bond and tax elections, to limit bond and tax elections to one election date each year. To this end, all taxing bodies that are required to obtain Council approval to call a tax or bond election must coordinate among themselves and with the Parish Council in the selection of a common date to hold such an election prior to requesting Council approval.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that on or before December 31 of the year preceding the anticipated holding of a bond or tax election for a taxing body that is required to obtain Council approval for the calling of such an election, must notify the Council Clerk of the date proposed to be selected for holding the election in the upcoming year.

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THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE 4 DAY OF AUGUST, 2011, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

MARTIN W. GOULD, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK