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LLS NO. 20-0088.01 Richard Sweetman x4333

**SENATE BILL 20-025**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A**  
102              **CONSERVANCY DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN PROJECTS**  
103              **WITHIN THE DISTRICT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
104              **AUTHORIZING SUCH A BOARD TO CONSIDER SUCH**  
105              **PARTICIPATION A CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE DISTRICT.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Current law authorizes the board of directors of a conservancy district (board) to participate in the development of parks and recreational

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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facilities within the district. The bill permits a board to consider such participation a current expense of the district.

The bill also authorizes a board to participate in artistic and beautification projects that improve the aesthetic appearance of waterways within the district and to consider such participation a current expense of the district.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-3-103, **amend** (1)  
3 introductory portion and (1)(k); and **add** (1)(l) as follows:

4 **37-3-103. General powers.** (1) ~~In order~~ To protect life and  
5 property within the district; and to protect or relieve land subject to  
6 overflowing or washing, or ~~which~~ THAT is menaced or threatened by the  
7 normal flow, ~~or~~ flood, ~~or~~ surplus, or overflow OF waters of any natural  
8 watercourse, stream, canyon, or wash, whether perennial, intermittent, or  
9 flood; and ~~in order~~ to effect the protection of the land and other property  
10 in the district; and ~~in order~~ to accomplish all other purposes of the district,  
11 the board of directors is authorized:

12 (k) To participate in the development of parks and recreational  
13 facilities WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT, including ~~but not~~  
14 ~~limited to~~, THE DEVELOPMENT OF trails, greenways, and ~~riverfront~~  
15 ~~development within the boundaries of said district~~ RIVERFRONTS, AND TO  
16 CONSIDER SUCH PARTICIPATION A CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE DISTRICT;  
17 AND

18 (l) TO PARTICIPATE IN ARTISTIC AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS  
19 THAT IMPROVE THE AESTHETIC APPEARANCE OF WATERWAYS WITHIN THE  
20 BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AND TO CONSIDER SUCH PARTICIPATION A  
21 CURRENT EXPENSE OF THE DISTRICT.

22 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act

1 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
2 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
3 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
4 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
5 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
6 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
7 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
8 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.