

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

TOURISM/COMMISSION: Provides relative to the membership of the governing board of the Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4574(F)(9), relative to the Acadia Parish Convention and
3 Visitors Commission; to provide for changes to the tourist commission's board of
4 directors; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:4574(F)(9) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §4574. Tourist commissions; creation; purpose; directors; powers

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12 F.

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14 (9)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,
15 the Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission shall be governed by a board
16 of ~~eleven~~ twelve directors appointed by the governing authority of Acadia Parish.

17 (b) In addition to the directors appointed pursuant to Subparagraph (a) of this
18 Paragraph, the board of directors may appoint one additional director to the board.

19 Such an appointment shall require a majority vote of the full membership of the
20 board and need not be made from lists of nominees as provided for by Item (1)(b)(i)

1 of this Subsection. The board may decide, by majority vote of its full membership,
2 that it will no longer utilize the additional member authorized by this Subparagraph,
3 but such a decision will become effective only when there is a vacancy in the
4 position due to expiration of a term or for some other reason.

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6 Section 2. The governing authority of Acadia Parish may determine the initial terms
7 of additional directors provided for by R.S. 33:4574(F)(9)(a) as amended by this Act. If
8 additional directors are appointed as provided for by R.S. 33:4574(F)(9)(b), the board of
9 directors may determine the initial terms of such directors.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for changes to the board of directors of the Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission.

Present law provides that the governing authority of any parish may form and create a tourist commission.

Present law specifically creates certain tourist commissions including the Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission composed of all the territory in Acadia Parish.

Present law provides that, unless provided otherwise, a commission shall be governed by a board of seven directors to be appointed by the governing authority of the parish.

Present law provides that, unless provided otherwise, appointments shall be made from a list of nominees submitted to the governing authority by private, nonprofit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry.

Present law provides for an exception with respect to the Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission. Provides that the commission shall be governed by a board of 11 directors. Proposed law changes the total number of directors appointed by the parish governing authority from 11 to 12.

Proposed law further authorizes the board to appoint a 13th member to the board. Requires majority vote for such an appointment, and provides that it need not be made from lists of nominees as provided for by present law. Also authorizes the board to decide that it will no longer utilize the additional member authorized by proposed law, but provides that such a decision will become effective only when there is a vacancy in the position. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 33:4574(F)(9))