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## DIGEST

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HB 895 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Creates the LaSalle Cultural Corridor District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state.

Proposed law creates the LaSalle Cultural Corridor District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state to promote, encourage, and enhance the cultural and economic assets of the district through renewed commerce, industry, and utilization and development of the human resources of the area. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law provides that the district is governed by a nine-member board of commissioners as follows:

- (1) The president of the La. Senate or his designee, who must be a member of the Senate.
- (2) The speaker of the La. House Representatives or his designee, who must be a member of the House.
- (3) The Lt. governor or his designee, who must be a member of his staff.
- (4) The member of the governing authority of the city of New Orleans or his designee.
- (5) Five members appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans as follows:
  - (a) Two appointees from a neighborhood located within the district.
  - (b) Two appointees from industries representing cultural economy and related industries, including the music, food, and film industries, culture bearers, or related cultural economy industries such as the performing and visual arts.
  - (c) One appointee with community and economic development experience.

Provides that appointed members serve staggered three-year terms.

Proposed law grants the district all powers of a political subdivision for the purpose of funding the district and carrying out its objects and purposes, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To incur debt.

- (2) To sue and be sued.
- (3) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- (4) To adopt bylaws and rules and regulations.
- (5) To receive by gift, grant, donation, or otherwise any sum of money, property, aid, or assistance from the U.S., the state of La., or any political subdivision thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation.
- (6) To enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or private association, corporation, business entity, or individual.

Proposed law grants certain powers to the board in order to provide for the growth and development of the district, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To make recommendations concerning natural and environmental factors; trends of industrial, population, or other developments; the habits and lifestyles of the people of the district; the relation of land use within the district as it relates to the city as a whole; and areas for the concentration of wholesale, retail, business, and other commercial uses.
- (2) To make recommendations concerning the need for and the proposed general location of public and private works and facilities.
- (3) To make or assist in studies and investigations of the resources of the district and the existing and emerging problems of industry, commerce, transportation, population, housing, and public service affecting the redevelopment of the district.
- (4) To prepare and from time to time revise inventory listings of the district's resources and of the major public and private works and facilities of all kinds which are deemed necessary to the redevelopment of the district.
- (5) To cooperate and confer with and upon request supply information to federal agencies and to local and regional agencies created pursuant to a federal program or which receive federal support and to cooperate and confer with economic development authorities in and outside of the state.

(Adds R.S. 25:850.21)