

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 191

2025 Regular Session

Edmonds

June 12, 2025

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 191 by Senator Edmonds, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

1. That the House Committee Amendments No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 8, 2025 be adopted.
2. That the House Committee Amendment No. 5 proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 8, 2025 be rejected.
3. That the following amendments to the engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, after "commissioners;" insert "to provide residency requirements for commissioners;"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 15, after "commissioners" insert ", one whom shall be selected by the member representing council district No. 3 of the Metropolitan Council of the parish of East Baton Rouge and the city of Baton Rouge and one whom shall be selected by the member representing council district No. 9 of the Metropolitan Council of the parish of East Baton Rouge and the city of Baton Rouge."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 2, insert the following:

**"(2)(a) The members who are appointed by the St. George City Council shall reside within the boundaries of the city of St. George and within the boundaries of the St. George Fire Protection District.**

**(b) The members who are appointed by the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council shall reside within the boundaries of the St. George Fire Protection District.**

**(c) The fifth member who is appointed by the four members of the board of commissioners shall reside within the boundaries of the St. George Fire Protection District."**

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

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Senator Rick Edmonds

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Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg

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Senator Franklin J. Foil

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Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry

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Senator Kirk Talbot

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Representative Les Farnum

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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### **Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

LOCAL OFFICIALS. Provides for the composition of the board of commissioners of the St. George Fire Protection District. (8/1/25)

#### **Report adopts House amendments to:**

1. Change the number of commissioners appointed by the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council and St. George City Council.

#### **Report rejects House amendments which would have:**

1. Provided for residency requirements for members of the board of commissioners appointed by the East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council and St. George City Council.

### **Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law (R.S. 40:1496) provides for the composition of the board of commissioners for fire protection districts.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the board of commissioners of the St. George Fire Protection District shall consist of five members. The city of St. George City Council shall appoint two members. The East Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council shall appoint two members to the board of commissioners, one whom shall be selected by the member of council district No. 3 of the EBRP Metropolitan Council and one whom shall be selected by the member representing council district No. 9 of the EBRP Metropolitan Council. The four appointed members of the board of commissioners shall appoint the fifth member.

Proposed law provides that initial terms of three of the commissioners shall be one year and the initial terms of two commissioners shall be two years as determined by lot. All subsequent terms of commissioners shall be two years.

Proposed law provides that all members shall reside within the boundaries of the St. George Fire Protection District. Provides that the member appointed by the St. George City Council shall also reside within the city of St. George.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 40:1496(J))