2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 649

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570.1 and R.S. 48:1456(A) and to enact R.S. 33:4570.3(D),

3 relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Recreation and Park

4 Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the

5 membership and powers and duties of the commission; to require the commission

6 to submit an annual report regarding the funds of the commission; to provide relative

7 to the board of commissioners of the Capital Area Transit System; to provide for an

8 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published

10 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of

11 Louisiana.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 33:4570.1 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:4570.3(D)

14 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 §4570.1. Board of commissioners; officers; quorum; employees

16 A. The commission shall be composed of ~~three~~ five ex officio members and

17 ~~six~~ four appointed members for a total of nine commissioners. The ex officio

18 members shall be the ~~mayor-president, or an officer or employee of the city or parish~~

19 ~~designated by the mayor-president from time to time; a member of the school board~~

20 ~~of East Baton Rouge Parish, designated by the school board for a term coincident~~

21 ~~with his term on the school board; and a member of the planning commission~~

1   ~~designated by the planning commission for a term coincident with his term on the~~

2   ~~planning commission.~~ mayors of the following municipalities: Baker, Baton Rouge,

3   Central, St. George, and Zachary. Each mayor may designate a person to serve in

4   his place as a member of the commission. Each designee shall serve at the pleasure

5   of the designating mayor. The ex officio members shall serve during their terms of

6   office. The ~~six~~ four appointed members shall be qualified voters of the parish

7   appointed by the ~~metropolitan council~~ governing authority of the city of Baton

8   Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge for terms of three years. Of the four appointed

9   members, at least two shall be residents of the city of Baton Rouge, and at least one

10   shall be a resident of the unincorporated area of East Baton Rouge Parish. Following

11   the release of each federal decennial census, the commission may, by majority vote,

12   reallocate these designated residency requirements to reflect the changes in

13   population distribution across the parish. Any such reallocation shall apply

14   prospectively and shall not alter the term of any sitting member. Vacancies shall be

15   filled by the designating or appointing ~~body for the unexpired portion of the term~~

16   authority. All commission members shall serve without compensation.

17   B.   The commission shall elect from ~~the six appointed~~ its members a

18   chairman, a vice chairman, and a treasurer whose terms of office shall be one year.

19   ~~Four~~ Five members shall constitute a quorum of the commission for all purposes.

20   The commission shall have the power and authority to name and employ a person

21   who shall be designated as superintendent of the commission, who shall not be a

22   member of the commission, and who shall be ex officio secretary of the commission,

23   and to prescribe and pay an annual salary to the superintendent.

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25   §4570.3. Powers and duties

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27   D.(1)   The commission shall submit a written report annually to each

28   municipality located within the jurisdiction of the commission and to the members

29   of the Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives who represent each

30   municipality located within the jurisdiction of the commission.

1   (2) The report shall provide the amount of funds received from taxpayers in

2   each municipality, the amount of funds spent by the commission on facilities in each

3   municipality, and the amount of money generated at commission facilities in each

4   municipality.

5   (3) The report shall be submitted annually within 90 days of the end of the

6   fiscal year.

7   (4) The commission shall timely submit all reports required by the legislative

8   auditor.

9   Section 2. R.S. 48:1456(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read follows:

10   §1456. Board of commissioners

11   A.(1) If there are no participating parishes other than East Baton Rouge

12   Parish, the system shall be governed by a board of commissioners comprised of ~~nine~~

13   ten members, with one member being a representative of the Amalgamated Transit

14   Union.

15   (2) The member from the Amalgamated Transit Union shall be the president

16   of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1546 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or his

17   designee. The union representative shall be a retired union member and serve as a

18   member of the board without voting privileges. The union representative shall not

19   participate in any executive session involving personnel issues or collective

20   bargaining agreements.

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22   Section 3. The terms of the members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the

23   Parish of East Baton Rouge in office on the effective date of this Act shall terminate on that

24   date; however, the members shall remain in office until the commission members take office

25   as provided in this Act. The members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish

26   of East Baton Rouge shall take office as provided in this Act and shall serve terms of office

27   as provided in this Act.

28   Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not

29   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

30   by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1   vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

2   effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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are additions.