RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 134 (HB 73)

2025 Regular Session

Adams

<u>Existing law</u> authorizes parishes to create gas utility districts within their respective boundaries. Provides that a district is governed by a board of commissioners appointed by the parish governing authority.

<u>Existing law</u> provides that if the district includes one or more municipalities, the board consists of nine members, seven of whom are appointed by the parish governing authority and two are appointed by the governing authority of the municipality. Provides for the appointment of board members if a district includes two or more municipalities.

Existing law requires members to serve five-year staggered terms and provides for vacancies.

Existing law prohibits members of the board of commissioners from receiving a salary for the performance of their duties as members. Authorizes members to receive a per diem for each meeting attended, up to 25 meetings per year. Requires the board to fix the amount of per diem in an amount not to exceed \$75. Authorizes reimbursement for all proper expenses incurred in carrying on the business of the district. Additionally authorizes the board to fix reasonable additional compensation, commensurate with the additional duties performed, for a member who serves as secretary or treasurer or secretary-treasurer of the board. Provides exceptions.

New law provides an exception for board members of a district located in East Feliciana Parish. Requires the board to fix the amount of per diem in an amount not to exceed \$250 per day up to 24 regular meetings and two special meetings per year.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 33:4305(B)(6))