

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 78

2026 Regular Session

Jenkins

May 26, 2026

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. 78 by Senator Jenkins, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the House Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 7, 2026 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 on May 7, 2026 be rejected.
- 3. That the following amendments to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

~~"(e) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the state senators whose senatorial districts are defined by R.S. 24:35.1(A)(37) as District 37 and by R.S. 24:35.1(A)(39) as District 39 and by the state representative whose representative district is defined by R.S. 24:35.5(A)(4) as District 4~~ **member of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the member of the Louisiana Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator W. Jay Luneau

Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry

Senator Sam L. Jenkins Jr.

Representative Steven Jackson

Senator Gerald Boudreaux

Representative Joy Walters

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for the governing authority of the Shreveport Downtown Development District. (8/1/26)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Make technical amendments.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

2. Authorized the member of the La. House of Representatives who represents District 2 to submit a list of nominees to the mayor for the appointment to the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Authorize the member of the La. House of Representatives and the member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district to submit a list of nominees to the mayor for appointment to the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law (R.S. 33:2740.38) provides for the composition of the board of commissioners of the Shreveport Downtown Development District as follows:

1. One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by Downtown Shreveport Unlimited.
2. One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce or its successor.
3. One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.
4. One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the Downtown Shreveport Development Corporation.
5. One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the state senators whose senatorial districts is District 37 and District 39 and by the state representative whose representative district is District 4.
6. Two members from a list of seven nominees submitted to the mayor by the Shreveport city council members.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the member of the La. House of Representatives and the member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the member of the area of the district to submit a list of nominees to the mayor for appointment to the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority. Further provides that one member of authority shall have a background in urban planning, land use

planning, commercial real estate development, commercial real estate construction, commercial district management architecture or engineering.

Present law provides that all members of the authority, other than elected officials shall reside in the district or have their personal principal place of business or office in the district or own property in the district.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the member with the background in urban planning, land use planning, commercial real estate development, commercial real estate construction, commercial district management architecture or engineering shall not have to reside in the district or have his personal principal place of business or office in the district or own property in the district.

Proposed law will have prospective application only, and will only apply to vacancies that occur, for any cause, after the effective date of proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e), (2), (3), and (4); adds R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(5))