

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 911 (HB 1062)

2026 Regular Session

Edmonston

Existing law provides for governance of the Special School District by a board of directors and provides for its powers and duties. Provides for twelve members of the board, eleven of whom are appointed by the governor.

Membership

Existing law requires the governor to select a number of members to serve on the board from lists of nominees submitted by certain officials and organizations. Prior law required the governor to appoint one resident from each public health region to serve as a member, with no more than two members from any region. New law removes this requirement and requires such officials and organizations to submit lists of nominees to the office of the governor by August first each year.

Powers and duties

Prior law authorized the board to do the following:

- (1) Purchase land and equipment and make improvements to facilities.
- (2) Lease land or other property.
- (3) Sell or exchange land or other immovable property that the district does not need.
- (4) Award certificates and issue diplomas.

New law removes such authorizations.

Prior law required the board to prescribe and select for use free textbooks and other materials of instruction. New law instead requires the board to authorize the superintendent to select textbooks and other instructional materials based on state Dept. of Education guidelines.

Existing law provides for board contracts. Prior law provided that existing law did not preclude the board from entering into contracts and agreements it deemed necessary to carry out its duties. New law removes prior law and authorizes the board to enter into a contract for the purposes of recruiting a new superintendent pursuant to existing law (La. Procurement Code).

Superintendent

New law requires the board to select a superintendent to serve as the chief administrative officer of the district and provides that he is responsible for the administrative functions, duties, and needs of the board. New law requires the board to annually evaluate the superintendent and authorizes the superintendent to designate someone to handle such responsibilities.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:1945.1(B), (D)(2)-(4), and (E)(3) and (5)(intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 17:1945.1(D)(5)-(8))