

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 210

BY SENATOR ERDEY

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for an increase of commissioners to the board of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 of Livingston Parish. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:1759, relative to the board of commissioners of Gravity
3 Drainage District No. 2 of Livingston Parish; to increase the membership of the
4 board of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:1759 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1759. Appointment and terms of commissioners

9 A. The police jury organizing the drainage district shall appoint five
10 commissioners in each district, two of the commissioners for the term of two years
11 and three for the term of four years, and all selections or appointments thereafter
12 shall be for the term of four years. The appointment of commissioners by the police
13 jury shall be made upon the petition or recommendation of a majority in number of
14 acres or a majority of the resident land owners in the district where the district
15 contains forty or less land owners. Where more than forty land owners are embraced
16 in the district, the appointment shall be made upon the recommendation or petition
17 of twenty-five of the land owners of the district. Where there is a contest over the

1 appointment of commissioners, the police jury shall give the appointment to those
 2 commissioners who are recommended by the land owners owning the greatest
 3 number of acres of land in the districts. In the absence of any petition or
 4 recommendation, the police jury may appoint commissioners in their discretion.

5 **B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A, the board of**
 6 **commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 2 of Livingston Parish shall**
 7 **consist of seven members, subject to all other requirements of qualifications for**
 8 **office provided in Subsection A.**

9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 13 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the police jury organizing the drainage district to appoint five
 commissioners in each district.

Proposed law requires the governing authority of Livingston Parish to increase the number
 of board commissioners from five to seven for Gravity Drainage District No. 2.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 38:1759)