

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 617

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

DISTRICTS/PUBLIC IMPROVE: Provides relative to District Five Road Commission of St. Landry Parish and District Six Road Commission of St. Landry Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:600.1(B)(1) and (4) and 600.2(B)(1) and (4), relative to
3 district five and six road commissions of St. Landry Parish; to provide relative to the
4 appointment of the commissioners of the boards of district five and six road
5 commissions of St. Landry Parish; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 48:600.1(B)(1) and (4) and 600.2(B)(1) and (4) are hereby amended
11 and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §600.1. District Five Road Commission of St. Landry Parish

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14 B.(1) The commissioners of the board shall be appointed by the governing
15 authority of the parish of St. Landry. The governing authority shall appoint one
16 member from each of the ~~thirteen precincts~~ precinct within Police Jury District Five:
17 as such districts are established at the time the appointments are being made and as
18 certified by the St. Landry Parish register of voters. ~~who~~ Each member appointed
19 shall be a resident of ~~such precinct.~~ the precinct he is appointed to represent. The

1 governing authority of the parish shall attempt to achieve a racial balance when
2 appointing the commissioners to the board.

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4 (4) The terms of commissioners of the board appointed upon the expiration
5 of the initial terms shall be ~~two~~ four years, and upon expiration of a term of office,
6 the successor shall be appointed as provided in Paragraph ~~B~~(1) of this ~~Section~~
7 Subsection. ~~No commissioner shall serve for more than two terms. No person who~~
8 has served as a commissioner for two consecutive four-year terms shall be appointed
9 for the succeeding term.

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11 §600.2. District Six Road Commission of St. Landry Parish

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13 B.(1) The commissioners of the board shall be appointed by the governing
14 authority of the parish of St. Landry. The governing authority shall appoint one
15 member from each ~~of the six precincts~~ precinct within Police Jury District Six: as
16 such districts are established at the time the appointments are being made and as
17 certified by the St. Landry Parish register of voters. ~~who~~ Each member appointed
18 shall be a resident of such precinct. the precinct he is appointed to represent. The
19 governing authority of the parish shall attempt to achieve a racial balance when
20 appointing the commissioners to the board.

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22 (4) The terms of commissioners of the board appointed upon the expiration
23 of the initial terms shall be ~~two~~ four years, and upon expiration of a term of office,
24 the successor shall be appointed as provided in Paragraph ~~B~~(1) of this ~~Section~~
25 Subsection. ~~No commissioner shall serve for more than two terms. No person who~~
26 has served as a commissioner for two consecutive four-year terms shall be appointed
27 for the succeeding term.

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DIGEST

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HB 617 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the appointment and terms members of the District Five Road Commission and District Six Road Commission in St Landry Parish.

Present law creates the District Five Road Commission and the District Six Road Commission in St. Landry Parish, each having boundaries coterminous with the respective police jury district. Authorizes the districts to construct, acquire, operate, and maintain roads, bridges, and road drainage facilities and, subject to voter approval, to levy a sales and use tax of up to 1%. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the appointment of members of each commission by the parish governing authority. Requires the appointment of one resident of each precinct comprising the respective police jury district. Provides for appointment of members from the 13 precincts in district five and six precincts in district six.

Proposed law retains present law except to remove the reference to a specific number of precincts in each district and to provide instead for appointment of a member from each precinct as they exist at the time of the appointment.

Present law provides for two-year terms for members of the road commissions. Proposed law changes the term of a commissioner to four years and prohibits serving more than two terms consecutively.

(Amends R.S. 48:600.1(B)(1) and (4) and 600.2(B)(1) and (4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes only.