

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

BY REPRESENTATIVE HALL

DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVEL: Provides relative to the governing board of the Alexandria Central Economic Development District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(1) and (3) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(6),  
3 relative to the city of Alexandria; to provide relative to the Alexandria Central  
4 Economic Development District; to provide relative to the governing board of the  
5 district; to provide relative to the membership of the board; to provide relative to the  
6 appointment and terms of board members; and to provide for related matters.

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

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(1) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
12 33:2740.46(C)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §2740.46. Alexandria Central Economic Development District

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15 C. Governance. (1) The governing authority of the district shall be a board  
16 consisting of nine members, referred to in this Section as the "board", all of whom  
17 shall be qualified voters and residents of the city of Alexandria. The members of the  
18 board shall be appointed as follows:

19 (a) ~~Three members~~ One member appointed by the mayor of the city of  
20 Alexandria and confirmed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.



1 terms of four years, three years, and two years, respectively, as designated by the  
2 mayor.

3 (ii) ~~The two members nominated by the governing board of the Central~~  
4 ~~Louisiana Business League and appointed by the governing authority of the city of~~  
5 ~~Alexandria shall serve initial terms of four years and three years, respectively, as~~  
6 ~~designated by the governing board of the league.~~

7 (iii) ~~The two members nominated by the governing authority of Rapides~~  
8 ~~Parish and appointed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria shall serve~~  
9 ~~initial terms of four years and three years, respectively, as designated by the~~  
10 ~~governing authority of Rapides Parish.~~

11 (iv) ~~The member nominated by the board of directors of the Central~~  
12 ~~Louisiana Chamber of Commerce and appointed by the governing authority of the~~  
13 ~~city of Alexandria shall serve an initial term of two years.~~

14 (v) ~~The member nominated by the governing board of the Rapides Regional~~  
15 ~~Medical Center and appointed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria~~  
16 ~~shall serve an initial term of one year.~~

17 (c) ~~Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled in the~~  
18 ~~manner of the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. The~~  
19 ~~terms of the members of the board serving on August 1, 2017, shall terminate on~~  
20 ~~such date; however, any such member shall remain in office until his successor is~~  
21 ~~appointed and takes office. The successors of such members shall be appointed as~~  
22 ~~provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and shall serve four-year terms after~~  
23 ~~initial terms as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.~~

24 (b) Three members shall serve an initial term of four years, two shall serve  
25 three years, two shall serve two years, and two shall serve one year, all as determined  
26 by lot at the first meeting of the board held after August 1, 2017.

27 (c) Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled in the  
28 manner of the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

1                   (d) Board members may be reappointed.

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3                   (6) Board members shall serve without compensation.

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DIGEST

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HB 69 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the membership of the governing board of the Alexandria Central Economic Development District.

Present law creates and provides for the Alexandria Central Economic Development District as a political subdivision of the state. Provides that the district is created for the primary purpose of redevelopment of the central business district. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a board consisting of nine members, all of whom shall be qualified voters and residents of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law amends the make-up of the nine-member board as follows:

- (1) Present law provides for three members appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria and confirmed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides for one such appointment.
- (2) Present law provides for two members nominated by the governing board of the Central La. Business League and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides for one such appointment, which is to be made directly by the business league rather than pursuant to a nomination from it.
- (3) Present law provides for two members nominated by the governing authority of Rapides Parish and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides for one such appointment, which is to be made directly by the parish governing authority rather than pursuant to a nomination from it.
- (4) Present law provides for one member nominated by the board of directors of the Central La. Chamber of Commerce and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides for the appointment to be made directly by the chamber of commerce rather than pursuant to a nomination from it.
- (5) Present law provides for one member nominated by the governing board of the Rapides Regional Medical Center and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides instead for one member appointed jointly by the governing boards of the Rapides Regional Medical Center and the CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital.

- (6) Proposed law provides for four additional members, one appointed by the La. state representative who represents House District 26, one appointed by the La. state senator who represents Senate District 29, one appointed by the sheriff of Rapides Parish, and one appointed by the district attorney for the Ninth Judicial District court of La.

Present law provides that members serve staggered, four-year terms.

Proposed law provides for termination of terms of members serving on the effective date of proposed law.

Proposed law additionally provides that board members are eligible for reappointment and serve without compensation.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(1) and (3); Adds R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Increase the membership of the board by granting appointments to the sheriff of Rapides Parish and the district attorney for the Ninth Judicial District court of La.