

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 233

BY SENATOR BARROW

LOCAL AGENCIES. Requests evaluation of the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge to ensure the board members are meeting required responsibilities.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to evaluate the
3 Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge to ensure the
4 board members are meeting required responsibilities.

5 WHEREAS, it is well recognized that the Recreation and Park Commission of the
6 parish of East Baton Rouge, as a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, is a major
7 source to a healthier, more vibrant community by providing exceptional parks, open spaces,
8 and recreation experiences for all of East Baton Rouge Parish; and

9 WHEREAS, it is the commission's vision to provide an extraordinary system of
10 parks, open spaces, and facilities that engages the parish's unique natural and cultural
11 landscape to enrich parish life by providing diverse and memorable recreation experiences;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the commission has more than one hundred eighty parks including a
14 state of the art observatory, a swamp nature center and conservation areas, a performing arts
15 theater, an equestrian park, an art gallery, an arboretum, a zoo, seven golf courses, and an
16 extreme sports park with a thirty thousand foot concrete skate park, rock climbing wall,
17 BMX track, and velodrome; and

18 WHEREAS, the Recreation and Park Commission is governed by a nine-member

1 board of commissioners, six of whom are appointed by the Metro Council and three of
2 whom are ex officio members, the Mayor-President, a member of the East Baton Rouge
3 Parish School Board, and a member of the City-Parish Planning Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, many of the properties that are managed by the commission are
5 considered specialty properties which require a certain knowledge, special training, and
6 experience; and

7 WHEREAS, an in-depth evaluation of the commission is deemed advisable to make
8 sure the members of the board of commissioners possess the skills to fulfill the purpose of
9 developing, maintaining, and operating public park and recreational properties and facilities
10 in East Baton Rouge Parish because of the concern for the maintenance of integrity of the
11 parks, particularly the specialty properties.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby urge and request the Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to
14 evaluate the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge to ensure
15 the board members are meeting required responsibilities.

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

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