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HOUSE BILL NO. 381

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MIGUEZ AND BILLIOT

RAILROADS: Provides relative to the board of commissioners of the Vermilion and Iberia Railroad Development District

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:140.112(A)(1) and (3) and to enact R.S. 33:140.112(B)(3), 3 relative to railroad districts; to modify the requirements to serve on the Vermilion 4 and Iberia Railroad Development District board; to provide relative to the attendance 5 of board members; 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. 33:140.112(A)(1) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:140.112(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 11 12 §140.112. Board of commissioners; members, officers, agents and employees 13 A. In order to provide for the orderly development of the district and 14 effectuation of the purposes of the district, the district shall be administered and 15 governed by a board of five commissioners, each of whom shall be a qualified voter 16 of the district and who shall be appointed as follows: 17 (1) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of the parish 18 of Vermilion. At least one of such members shall have a bachelor's degree in

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1 agricultural science desire to serve on the board and shall be a member of the 2 Vermilion Parish Police Jury. 3 4 (3) One member shall be appointed by the Twin Parish Port Commission and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, subject to confirmation by the senators 5 6 whose districts encompass the parishes of Vermilion and Iberia. Such member shall 7 have a bachelor's degree in engineering and shall have a minimum of five years 8 experience at the management and operational level of a railroad company. 9 B. 10 11 (3) Each member appointed pursuant to Subsection A of this Section may 12 designate a person to attend meetings of the board in his absence. 13

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Modifies the requirements for the selection of persons to serve on the board of commissioners of the Vermilion and Iberia Railroad Development District.

<u>Present law</u> creates the Vermilion and Iberia Railroad Development District as a political subdivision of the state for the primary object and purpose of promoting and encouraging development of the rail service running between the parishes of Vermilion and Iberia.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the district is governed by a board of five commissioners. Requires two members to be appointed by the governing authority of Iberia Parish, at least one of whom must have a bachelor's degree in agricultural science. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> requires two members to be appointed by the governing authority of Vermilion Parish at least one of whom must have a bachelor's degree in agricultural science.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the requirement that at least one member have a bachelor's degree in agricultural science and instead requires the member to have a desire to serve on the board and be a member of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury.

<u>Present law</u> requires one member to be appointed by the Twin Parish Port Commission and the University of La. at Lafayette and further requires that the member have a bachelor's

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degree in engineering and a minimum of five years experience at the management and operational level of a railroad company.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the requirement that the member have a minimum of five years experience at the management and operational level of a railroad company.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes board members to designate persons to attend board meetings in their absence.

(Amends R.S. 33:140.112(A)(1) and (3); Adds R.S. 33:140.112(B)(3))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Authorize board members to designate persons to attend board meetings in their absence.