
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Sulphur Industrial Development District.

Present law provides for the creation of the Sulphur Industrial Development District as a body politic and political subdivision of the state of La. Provides for the purpose and boundaries of the district. Proposed law provides that if the city of Sulphur wishes to terminate the district, it may remove board members, suspend its operations, and adopt a resolution requesting that the legislature repeal the provisions of present law. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that the district shall be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of six members selected by the city of Sulphur. Proposed law changes total number of members to five. Further authorizes the city of Sulphur, by ordinance, to fix qualifications of the members of the board of commissioners. Also authorizes the city council to declare a vacancy and appoint a successor if a member no longer meets a qualification established by ordinance.

Present law requires the board to meet in regular session on a quarterly basis and to meet in special session when the president of the board convenes them or on the written request of four members. Proposed law changes meeting requirement to annually and changes number of members needed to submit a written request for special session to three. Also adds provision that if any joint service or cooperative endeavor agreement of the district calls for appointments by or on behalf of the district to any other public board or commission, the appointments shall be made by the city council.

Present law provides relative to powers of the district with respect to industrial development. Proposed law prohibits the district from entering into or amending joint service agreements, cooperative endeavor agreements, or other contractual agreements without the approval of the city council. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 33:130.312(A) and (H); Adds R.S. 33:130.311(D), 312(J), and 314(C))