

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 537

BY REPRESENTATIVE FARNUM

DISTRICTS/INDUSTRIAL: Provides relative to the Sulphur Industrial Development District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:130.312(A) and (H) and to enact R.S. 33:130.311(D), 312(J),
3 and 314(C), relative to the Sulphur Industrial District; to provide relative to the
4 termination of the district; to provide relative to the membership of the board of
5 commissioners; to provide relative to meetings of the board; to provide relative to
6 appointments made by or on behalf of the district to other public boards or
7 commissions; to provide relative to the district's powers pertaining to industrial
8 development; and to provide for related matters.

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

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 33:130.312(A) and (H) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
14 33:130.311(D), 312(J), and 314(C) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 §130.311. Sulphur Industrial Development District; creation; territorial jurisdiction;
16 termination

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18 D. If the city of Sulphur wishes to terminate the district, it may remove board
19 members, suspend its operations, and adopt a resolution requesting that the
20 legislature repeal the provisions of this Subpart.

1 §130.312. Board of commissioners; members, officers, agents, and employees

2 A. The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of
3 ~~six~~ five members selected by the city council of Sulphur. The city of Sulphur may,
4 by ordinance, fix the qualifications of the members of the board of commissioners.
5 If a member no longer meets a qualification established by ordinance, the city
6 council may declare a vacancy and appoint a successor.

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8 H. The board of commissioners shall meet in regular session on ~~a quarterly~~
9 an annual basis and shall also meet in special session when the president of the board
10 convenes them or on the written request of ~~four~~ three members. No more than
11 twelve special sessions may be called within any one calendar year. ~~Four~~ Three
12 members of the board of commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

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14 J. If any joint service or cooperative endeavor agreement of the district calls
15 for appointments by or on behalf of the district to any other public board or
16 commission, the city council shall make such appointments.

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18 §130.314. Industrial development

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20 C. The district shall not enter into or amend joint service agreements,
21 cooperative endeavor agreements, or other contractual agreements without the
22 approval of the city council.

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))