DIGEST

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SB 136 Reengrossed2023 Regular SessionBarrow

<u>Present law</u> creates the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District as a political subdivision of the state in East Baton Rouge Parish. Provides for district boundaries and powers and duties.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the district shall be comprised of nine members, including two members appointed by the state representative for House District No. 29. Requires that one member be a representative of the business community. <u>Proposed law</u> removes one appointment granted to the state representative. Retains requirement that remaining member be a representative of the business community.

<u>Present law</u> provides that board members serve two-year terms. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> requires the board to adopt rules and regulations as it deems necessary or advisable for conducting its business affairs. Additionally requires the board to hold regular meetings as provided in the bylaws and to hold special meetings at such times and places within the district as provided in the bylaws.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but requires that the rules and regulations include a procedure for the removal of inactive board members.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.67(C)(2) and (7); Repeals R.S. 33:2740.67(C)(1)(k))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Makes changes to the appointing authority for the board of commissioners of the district.
- 2. Authorizes the creation of subdistricts.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Remove provisions that reduced the board membership <u>from</u> nine <u>to</u> five and changed board appointments by granting all appointments to the state senators for Senate District Nos. 14 and 15.
- 2. Restore <u>present law</u> provisions to maintain board appointments and board membership at nine members, except removes one appointment granted to the state representative for House District No. 29.
- 3. Remove <u>proposed law</u> provisions that authorized the district to divide the district into subdistricts.