

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 136

2023 Regular Session

Barrow

June 8, 2023

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 136 by Senator Barrow, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the House Committee Amendments proposed by the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 31, 2023 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Regina Ashford Barrow

Representative C. Denise Marcelle

Senator Cameron Henry

Representative Rick Edmonds

Senator Katrina R. Jackson

Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Provides relative to the governance of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District. (gov sig)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Make changes to provisions related to the board membership and appointment authority for the board of commissioners of the district.
2. Remove provisions that authorized the district to divide the district into subdistricts.
3. Make technical changes.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law 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.

Present law 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.

Proposed law removes one appointment granted to the state representative. Retains requirement that remaining member be a representative of the business community.

Present law provides that board members serve two-year terms.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law 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.

Proposed law retains present law 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))