

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 254

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

DISTRICTS/DOWNTOWN DEVEL: Provides relative to appointments to the Shreveport  
Downtown Development Authority

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e), relative to appointments to the governing  
3 authority of the Shreveport Downtown Development District; to provide relative to  
4 nominations of members; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
10 follows:

11 §2740.38. Shreveport; downtown development district

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13 C.(1) The Shreveport Downtown Development District, hereinafter referred  
14 to as the "district," shall be governed by the Shreveport Downtown Development  
15 Authority hereinafter referred to as the "authority", originally established by  
16 Ordinance No. 47 of 1975 of the city council of the city of Shreveport. The members  
17 of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority shall be composed of two  
18 nonvoting members: the mayor of the city of Shreveport and the executive director  
19 of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority and seven voting members

1 who shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Shreveport (the "mayor"), subject  
2 to confirmation by the city council as follows:

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4 (e) One member from a list of ~~three~~ nominees submitted to the mayor by ~~the~~  
5 ~~state senators whose senatorial districts are defined by R.S. 24:35.1(A)(37) as~~  
6 ~~District 37 and by R.S. 24:35.1(A)(39) as District 39~~ any state senator whose  
7 senatorial district encompasses a portion of the area of the district and by ~~the~~ any  
8 state representative whose representative district is defined by R.S. 24:35.5(A)(4) as  
9 District 4 encompasses a portion of the area of the district.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to appointments to the governing board of the Shreveport Downtown Development District.

Present law creates the Shreveport Downtown Development District, which is governed by a board known as the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority.

Present law provides that one of the members of the authority is appointed by the mayor of Shreveport, subject to city council confirmation, from a list of nominees submitted by the state senators from districts 37 and 39 and the state representative from district 4.

Proposed law provides instead that this appointment shall be made by the mayor from nominations made by any state senator and any state representative whose legislative district encompasses a portion of the area of the downtown development district.

Present law, which is retained by proposed law, provides that the authority also includes the mayor and the authority's executive director as nonvoting members and the six other mayoral appointments, subject to city council confirmation, as follows:

- (1) One from nominees submitted to the mayor by Downtown Shreveport Unlimited.
- (2) One from nominees submitted by the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce or its successor.
- (3) One from nominees submitted by the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

- (4) One from nominees submitted by the Downtown Shreveport Development Corp.
- (5) Two from nominees submitted by Shreveport city council members.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e))