
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Shreveport Healthcare and Innovation District as a political subdivision of the state to assist the biomedical institutions and employees in the district with development of bioscience facilities and programs.

Proposed law creates the Shreveport Healthcare and Innovation District as a political subdivision of the state. Provides that the district is created for multiple purposes, including acquiring and developing real estate needed to grow the academic research institutions within the district and facilitating the creation of high paying jobs by assisting the biomedical institutions and employees in the district with development of bioscience facilities and programs.

Proposed law provides that the district is governed by an 11-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by each of the two members of the La. Senate whose districts encompass an area included within the district.
- (2) One member appointed by the member of the La. House of Rep. whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
- (3) One member appointed by the Caddo Parish Commission.
- (4) One member appointed by the governing board of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.
- (5) One member appointed by the governing board of the Shreveport-Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce.
- (6) The chief executive officer of the Ochsner Health System or his designee.
- (7) The chief executive of the Willis Knight Health System or his designee.
- (8) The chancellor of the LSU Health Science Center or his designee.
- (9) The president of Centenary College of Louisiana or his designee.
- (10) The mayor of the city of Shreveport or his designee.

Provides that appointed members serve staggered three-year terms.

Proposed law provides relative to the powers and duties of the district including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To sue and be sued.
- (2) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.
- (3) To acquire by gift, grant, purchase, lease, or otherwise and to hold and use property, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or desirable for carrying out the objects and purposes of the district.
- (4) To sell, transfer, convey, or alienate any property acquired by it, or any interest therein at any time, by negotiation, to accomplish the objects and purposes of the district.
- (5) To make and collect reasonable charges for the use of property owned by the district and for services rendered by the district and to regulate reasonably the fees and charges to be made by privately owned, leased, or otherwise authorized uses of property owned by the district, or sold or leased by the district, when same are offered for the use of the public.

Proposed law authorizes the district to undertake a project which may include but not be limited to land acquisition, design, construction, renovation, rehabilitation, equipping, infrastructure, and other improvements or modifications and all operational expenses including maintenance, utility, and personnel costs and other activities necessary or convenient thereto. Proposed law additionally authorizes the district to establish projects for bioscience and health products.

Proposed law authorizes all state officers and agencies to render services to the district within their respective functions as requested by the district. Additionally authorizes the district and the agencies to enter into contracts, cooperative endeavor agreements, or other agreements necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 33:9039.131)