

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 150

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DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Provides relative to the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District.

DIGEST

Proposed law specifies that Concordia Parish is the domicile of the district.

Present law specifies that the district is governed by a board of commissioners, consisting of 26 members. In pertinent part, the membership includes the following university presidents:

- (1) The president of La. Tech University or his designee.
- (2) The president of the University of La. at Monroe or his designee.
- (3) The president of the Southern University System or his designee.
- (4) The president of the La. State University System or his designee.
- (5) The president of Grambling State University or his designee.

Proposed law removes the voting rights of the presidents of La. Tech University, University of La. at Monroe, Southern University System, La. State University System, Grambling State University, the chair of Louisiana Public Transit Association, and their designees making them ex officio members.

Present law requires that a district director hired after July 1, 2023, be a resident of the state and have been domiciled in the district for the preceding two years prior to employment.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the requirement that staff persons hired after July 1, 2023 be domiciled in the district for two preceding years prior to employment.

(Amends the heading of Part IV of Chapter 4-A of Title 3 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 3:341(A), 342(B) and (I); Adds R.S. 3:341(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Make the following members of the board ex officio members without voting rights: the presidents of La. Tech University or his designee; the president of the University of La. at Monroe or his designee; the president of the Southern University System or his designee; the president of the Louisiana State University System or his designee; and the president of Grambling State University or his designee.
2. Remove the requirement that a district director hired after July 1, 2024 establish residency in the district within three months from hiring.
3. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the reengrossed bill

1. Provides for a name change.
2. Adds the chair of Louisiana Public Transit Association as an ex officio member.
3. Changes who the board may hire from "district director" to "staff persons"
4. Changes the hiring of staff persons from mandatory to permissive.
5. Makes staff persons report to the chairman of the board.