

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 767 (SB 421)

2024 Regular Session

Luneau

New law creates a renaissance district in any parish having a population of more than 129,000 and less than 132,000 persons, which shall be a political subdivision of the state.

New law provides that the board of commissioners be composed of seven commissioners and that each be a qualified elector and domiciled in the parish.

New law provides that the board of commissioners be appointed for four year terms as follows:

- (1) Five members shall be appointed by the parish governing authority as follows:
 - (a) Two members appointed from an existing renaissance board of directors as long as that board exists, after which time two members shall be appointed from the residents of the parish who are not employed by the parish police jury and who have experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
 - (b) Three members who are not employed by the parish police jury and who have experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
- (2) One member who is employed by the sheriff's office of the parish and who has experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
- (3) One member who is employed by the office of the district attorney of the parish and who has experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.

New law provides that the members of the board of commissioners serve without a salary or per diem but authorizes the board to provide reasonable travel allowances for members in the performance of their official duties.

New law requires that the commission assist and afford opportunities to preadjudicatory and postadjudicatory children who enter the juvenile justice system to become productive, law-abiding citizens of the community, parish, and state through the establishment of rehabilitative programs within a structured environment and provide the physical facilities and related services for children throughout the parish.

New law authorizes the board to elect a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, whose duties are established by the board. Requires that the board treasurer furnish bond in an amount fixed by the board. Provides for an election of an executive committee of the board composed of not more than five members.

New law provides for regular meetings of the board with one regular meeting at least monthly and provides that a majority of the members constitutes a quorum and that all actions and resolutions be approved by a quorum present.

New law authorizes the board to purchase or otherwise acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, repair, operate, lease as lessor or lessee, manage, and administer or enter into contracts for the management, administration, and operation of a juvenile detention facility or facilities, shelter care facility or facilities, or such other juvenile justice facilities as are useful, necessary, expedient, or convenient to carry out the plans and purposes of the commission and for the orderly conduct of its business.

New law further provides that these facilities may include but are not limited to office facilities, parking facilities, diagnostic facilities, dormitories, and other residential facilities for delinquent, neglected, or abused children or children in need of care or supervision, or in need of services as provided by law as well as for employees, patrons, visitors, and relatives of children who may enter the juvenile justice system or who are in need of care or supervision or services.

New law provides that the commission may lease, purchase, or acquire by donation or otherwise, any property, immovable or movable, tangible or intangible, from any person, firm, or corporation, including the state and its agencies and political subdivisions.

New law authorizes the board to execute contracts of employment for a superintendent or administrator and other necessary personnel and contracts for legal, financial, engineering, and other professional services necessary or expedient for the conduct of its affairs.

New law authorizes the board to incur debt and issue bonds and levy taxes in the manner provided by law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 15:1109.21-1109.26)