2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Provides relative to the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District

1   AN ACT

2   To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.70.6(B) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and

3   to enact R.S. 33:2740.70.6(D)(1)(f) and (g), relative to the Ferriday Downtown

4   Entertainment District; to provide relative to the boundaries of the district; to provide

5   relative to the governing board of the district; to provide relative to the membership

6   of the board; and to provide for related matters.

7   Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published

8   as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of

9   Louisiana.

10   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11   Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.70.6(B) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) are

12   hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:2740.70.6(D)(1)(f) and (g) are hereby enacted

13   to read as follows:

14   §2740.70.6. Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District

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16   B.(1) The boundaries of the district shall include the area within the

17   following perimeter: Texas Avenue, EE Wallace Boulevard, Mickey Gilley Avenue,

18   and First Street.

19   (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the

20   boundaries of the district shall also include both sides of Greater Street.

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1   D.(1) In order to provide for the orderly development of the district and

2   effect the purposes of the district, the district shall be administered and governed by

3   a ~~seven-member~~ nine-member board of commissioners, referred to in this Section

4   as the "board", composed as follows:

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6   (f) The Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department shall appoint one member.

7   (g) The governing board of Delta Recreation shall appoint one member.

8   (2)(a) Members appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (1)(a) through (e) of

9   this Subsection shall serve three-year terms after serving initial terms as provided in

10   this ~~Paragraph.~~ Subparagraph. Three members shall serve three-year initial terms,

11   two members shall serve two-year initial terms, and two members shall serve one-

12   year initial terms as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

13   (b) The two members appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (1)(f) and (g) of

14   this Subsection shall serve three-year terms after serving initial terms as provided in

15   this Subparagraph. One member shall serve a three-year initial term and one

16   member shall serve a two-year initial term as determined by lot at the first meeting

17   of the board following the appointment of the members.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District, changes the district's
boundaries and governing board composition.

Present law creates the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District as a political subdivision
of the state to provide for cooperative economic and community development among the
district, the city, the state, and the owners of property in the district, to enhance the
development of and improvement to the property within the area of the district, and to
expand the entertainment and leisure activities within the district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the district's boundaries.

Proposed law expands the district's boundaries.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners appointed as follows:

(1)   Two members appointed by the mayor of the town of Ferriday.

(2)   Two members appointed by the governing authority of the town of Ferriday.

(3)   One member appointed by the chief executive officer of Concordia Bank & Trust.

(4)   One member appointed by the chief executive officer of Delta Bank.

(5)   One member appointed by the governing board of the Delta Museum who shall be a representative of the museum.

Proposed law adds two additional members to provide for a nine-member board of commissioners. Provides that one member is appointed by the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department and one member is appointed by the governing board of Delta Recreation.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.70.6(B) and (D)(1)(intro. para.) and (2); Adds R.S. 33:2740.70.6(D)(1)(f) and (g))