

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 688

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONTOUCET

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PLANNING/ZONING-STATE: Provides relative to state planning and development districts

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:140.62(C), relative to regional planning; to provide relative to state  
3 planning and development districts; to authorize the governor to designate another  
4 entity to represent state planning and development district no. 4; to provide that such  
5 entity may be designated as a regional planning commission and a United States  
6 Department of Commerce recognized economic development district; and to provide  
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:140.62(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §140.62. Designation of regions

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12 C(1). Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the  
13 entity designated to represent the development district provided for in Paragraph  
14 (A)(4) of this Section ceases to exist, the governor may designate another entity to  
15 represent such development district. The governor shall designate another entity  
16 upon the request of the member parishes of the development district.

17 (2) The entity designated pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection may  
18 be designated as a regional planning commission pursuant to R.S. 33:132(C). Any  
19 such entity shall also be eligible to be designated as an economic development  
20 district by the United States Department of Commerce.

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to state planning and development district no. 4, authorizes the governor to designate another entity to represent the district.

Present law provides that the development districts for the state designated and established by the governor in Executive Order No. 27 of 1973 are continued as follows:

- (1) District #1, composed of the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany.
- (2) District #2, composed of the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana and St. Helena.
- (3) District #3, composed of the parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and Terrebonne.
- (4) District #4, composed of the parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion.
- (5) District #5, composed of the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis.
- (6) District #6, composed of the parishes of Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, Grant, LaSalle, Rapides, Vernon and Winn.
- (7) District #7, composed of the parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine and Webster.
- (8) District #8, composed of the parishes of Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union and West Carroll.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally authorizes the governor to designate another entity to represent district no. 4 if the entity that was originally designated to represent the district cease to exist. Provides that the governor shall make the designation upon the request of the district's member parishes.

Present law authorizes the member parishes and municipalities of a regional planning commission to designate the entity that represents a state planning and development district as its regional planning commission.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the entity designated to represent district no. 4 pursuant to proposed law may be designated as a regional planning commission. Additionally provides that such entity is eligible to be designated as an economic development district by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

(Adds R.S. 33:140.62(C))