
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))