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## DIGEST

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HB 23 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides with respect to the Vermilion Parish Economic Development District.

Present law provides for the creation of the Vermilion Parish Economic Development District. Proposed law retains present law, but changes name of district to the Vermilion Economic Development District.

Present law provides that the district shall be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of 13 members. Proposed law provides that the board of commissioners consists of 15 members. Proposed law makes changes to board membership as follows:

- (1) Present law provides that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury appoints nine members, four of whom are to be selected from a list of names submitted by the governing authorities of Abbeville, Delcambre, Erath, Gueydan, Kaplan, and Maurice. Proposed law provides instead that the police jury appoints five members. Provides that the governing authorities of six municipalities each appoint a member, with such appointments being subject to approval of the board of commissioners.
- (2) Present law provides that one member is appointed by the Vermilion Parish Farm Bureau. Proposed law provides instead for appointment of one member by the parish sheriff.
- (3) Present law provides that one member is appointed by the Vermilion Parish Tourist Commission. Proposed law provides instead for appointment of one member by the parish school board.

Proposed law retains present law with respect to one appointment each by the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District and the Greater Abbeville-Vermilion Chamber of Commerce.

Proposed law adds provision requiring the board to be representative of the parish's population by race and ethnicity to ensure diversity.

Present law authorizes the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to adopt a resolution by 2/3 vote calling for the dissolution of the district, effective no earlier than one year from the vote. Proposed law provides instead that the district may dissolve itself by the same vote and subject to the same limitation on effectiveness.

Provides that members of the board in office on the effective date of proposed law serve until the

expiration of their terms.

(Amends R.S. 33:130.561(A), 130.562(A) and (G), and 130.570)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add provision that members of the board in office on the effective date of proposed law shall serve until the expiration of their terms.