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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the membership of the governing board of the Alexandria Central Economic Development District; makes changes to the appointment process and provides for the terms of board members.

Present law creates and provides for the Alexandria Central Economic Development District as a political subdivision of the state. Provides that the district is created for the primary purpose of redevelopment of the central business district. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a board consisting of nine members, all of whom shall be qualified voters and residents of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides that the board is composed of seven members. Proposed law amends the make-up of the board as follows:

- (1) Present law provides for three members appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria and confirmed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides for one such appointment.
- (2) Present law provides for two members nominated by the governing board of the Central La. Business League and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides for one such appointment, which is to be made directly by the business league rather than pursuant to a nomination from it.
- (3) Present law provides for two members nominated by the governing authority of Rapides Parish and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides for one such appointment, which is to be made directly by the parish governing authority rather than pursuant to a nomination from it.
- (4) Present law provides for one member nominated by the board of directors of the Central La. Chamber of Commerce and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides for the appointment to be made directly by the chamber of commerce rather than pursuant to a nomination from it.

- (5) Present law provides for one member nominated by the governing board of the Rapides Regional Medical Center and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria. Proposed law provides instead for one member appointed jointly by the governing boards of the Rapides Regional Medical Center and the CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital.
- (6) Proposed law provides for two additional members, one appointed by the La. state representative who represents House District 26 and one appointed by the La. state senator who represents Senate District 29.

Present law provides that members serve staggered, four-year terms.

Proposed law provides for termination of terms of members serving on the effective date of proposed law. Proposed law provides initial terms of new members.

Proposed law additionally provides that board members are eligible for reappointment and shall serve without compensation.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(1) and (3); Adds R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(6))