



- (6) One member appointed from the membership of Vision St. Landry.
- (7) One member appointed by the president for the parish of St. Landry who has experience in the profession of engineering or community planning.

Present law provides that each member appointed to the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a domiciliary and qualified voter in the city of Opelousas for at least one year preceding the date of appointment.

Proposed law provides each member appointed to the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a domiciliary of and a qualified voter in the parish of St. Landry.

Proposed law provides for the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District Director or his designee to serve as interim Downtown Development Director until the district is financially able to permanently hire a director. Further, proposed law provides that eight percent of the district's annual revenue is to be paid to the St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District.

Present law authorizes the district to levy and collect a sales and use tax, not exceeding one percent, as set out in a proposition submitted to a vote in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code, and approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting in an election held for that purpose.

Present law authorizes a local government subdivision to establish, by ordinance, an economic development district with the authority to levy ad valorem taxes, up to two percent of sales taxes or up to two percent of hotel occupancy taxes or any combination of such taxes subject to the limitations and prohibitions of the Louisiana Constitution and provided that the levy is approved by qualified voters of the district in an election. Authorizes the districts to use or engage in tax incremental financing of projects.

Present law defines a "local governmental subdivision", with certain exceptions and qualifications, as any municipality or parish or any municipality, parish, local industrial board, or local public trust.

Proposed law authorizes the board of commissioners of the Opelousas Downtown Development District to establish by resolution an economic development district or districts within the boundaries of the city of Opelousas. Provides that the board of commissioners shall be the governing authority of the district or districts and shall have all the powers and authority granted to economic development districts created by local governmental subdivisions.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.39(A), (B)(2), and (C)(1), (2), (3), (5), and (6); adds R.S. 33:9038.32(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to

the original bill

1. Changes proposed law boundaries of Opelousas Downtown Development District.
2. Removes proposed law provisions that would have removed requirement of election for district to impose sales tax if there were no electors in district and would have required proceeds of an additional sales tax be used by the district for infrastructure costs, economic development or payment of bonds.
3. Adds provisions authorizing Opelousas Downtown Development District to create economic development districts with TIF authority.