
DIGEST

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HB 403 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to membership on the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District board of commissioners.

Present law creates the Capital Area Groundwater Conservation District and the board of commissioners. The board consists of 16 members appointed by the governor as follows:

- (1) One member appointed from each parish in the district.
- (2) Three members appointed from the industrial users in the district.
- (3) Three members appointed from privately or publicly owned entities that furnish water for rural or municipal use within the district.
- (4) One member who is the director of the Dept. of Public Works, or his designee.
- (5) One member who is the commissioner of conservation, or his designee, who shall be a member of his staff.
- (6) One member appointed from nominations by the La. Farm Bureau Federation and the La. Cattlemen's Association.
- (7) One member who is the secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality, or his designee, who shall be a member of his staff.
- (8) One member appointed from the nomination by the members of the board.

Proposed law would change the director of the Dept. of Public Works appointment to be the director of the City of Baton Rouge/E. Baton Rouge Parish Dept. of Public Works, or a person designated by the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of E. Baton Rouge, who is a registered professional engineer from the staff of the Dept. of Environmental Services, the Dept. of Transportation and Drainage, or the Dept. of Development, within the Dept. of Public Works.

Proposed law adds a member appointed by the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of E. Baton Rouge.

Present law provides for three-year terms for the commission members. Proposed law removes

antiquated provisions that established initial staggered terms of the commission members.

Proposed law provides that any member of the commission serving on the effective date of the Act who does not qualify for appointment to their position under the provisions of this Act shall immediately resign and be replaced by a qualified person.

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

(Amends R.S. 38:3074(A)(intro. para.), (4), and (8) and (B); Adds R.S. 38:3074(A)(9))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Add a member appointed by the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of E. Baton Rouge.
2. Remove antiquated provisions that established initial staggered terms for the commission members.