

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 50 (HB 68)

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Existing law provides for the creation of the LaSalle Economic Development District as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of promoting and encouraging industrial development to stimulate the economy through commerce, industry, and research and for the utilization and development of natural and human resources of the area by providing job opportunities. Existing law further provides that the district shall be governed by a board of commissioners.

Existing law provides that the board of commissioners includes the following members:

- (1) One member each appointed by the town councils of Jena, Olla, Tullos, and Urania.
- (2) One member appointed by each state and federally chartered financial institution with offices in LaSalle Parish.
- (3) One member appointed by the LaSalle Parish School Board.
- (4) One member appointed by the LaSalle Police Jury.

Prior law provided that the mayor of each incorporated municipality in LaSalle Parish was a nonvoting member. New law provides that such mayors are voting members.

Prior law provided that the LaSalle Development Board and the LaSalle Parish Chamber of Commerce each appointed three members. New law repeals prior law.

New law provides that the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians appoints one member. Provides that the members of the board of commissioners appoint four additional members.

Prior law required the town councils of Jena, Olla, Tullos, and Urania to make their appointments in a public meeting from applications submitted by residents of the respective municipality. New law deletes this requirement.

Prior law required that most members of the board reside in LaSalle Parish. New law requires instead that all board members be residents of LaSalle Parish, operate a business in LaSalle Parish, or be employed in LaSalle Parish. Further provides that a member of the board of commissioners of the Olla, Urania, Tullos, Standard Economic and Industrial Development District is not prohibited from serving on the board.

Existing law requires that any vacancy in the membership of the board be filled in the manner of the original appointment. If the entity responsible for the appointment fails to fill a vacancy within 30 days, prior law required the board to appoint an interim successor to serve until the position is filled by the appointing entity. New law provides instead that if a vacancy is not filled within 30 days, the board may appoint an interim successor to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Authorizes board members serving on the effective date of new law to serve for the remainder of their unexpired terms notwithstanding the provisions of new law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 33:130.202)