

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 161

BY SENATORS LAFLEUR AND THOMPSON

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Provides relative to the Lafayette Economic Development Authority. (see Act)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:292(B)(1), to enact R.S. 34:291(B)(3) and to repeal R.S.
3 34:291.1 and 295, relative to the Lafayette Economic Development Authority; to
4 provide for oversight responsibility; to remove certain responsibilities for
5 examinations and investigations; to provide for board appointment; to provide for
6 transition; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 34:291(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART IV. LAFAYETTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

11 §291. Creation; territorial limits and jurisdiction

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13 B.

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15 **(3) No rule, regulation, or order shall be adopted by the Lafayette**
16 **Economic Development Authority which is inconsistent with or contrary to any**
17 **law, ordinance, or regulation now in force or hereinafter enacted by the United**

1 majority of the population of their district resides in Lafayette Parish.

2 (h) One member shall be appointed jointly by the members of the
 3 Louisiana Senate who represent a district in which the majority of the
 4 population of their district resides in Lafayette Parish.

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6 Section 3. R.S. 34:291.1 and 295 are hereby repealed.

7 Section 4. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective
 8 March 1, 2020.

9 Section 5. The provisions of Sections 1, 3, 4 and this Section of this Act shall become
 10 effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration
 11 of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
 12 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently
 13 approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such
 14 approval.

 The original instrument was prepared by Michael Bell. The following digest,
 which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared
 by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

SB 161 Reengrossed

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Present law creates the Lafayette Economic Development Authority as a political subdivision of the state with its territorial limits and jurisdiction extending throughout the parish of Lafayette.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that no rule, regulation, or order shall be adopted by the Lafayette Economic Development Authority which is inconsistent with or contrary to any law, ordinance, or regulation now in force or hereinafter enacted by the United States of America, the state of Louisiana, or Lafayette Parish, and any such rule, regulation, or order shall be void, except that no action by the Lafayette Parish Council shall abrogate any contract or agreement duly executed by the authority that was valid and legal when executed.

Present law provides for nomination and appointment of a board of commissioners appointed as follows:

- (1) Two members, one of whom shall be nominated by the Lafayette Parish Farm Bureau, shall be appointed by a majority vote of the mayors of the incorporated municipalities of Lafayette Parish other than the city of Lafayette.
- (2) Two members, one of whom shall be nominated by the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Lafayette. The mayor of the city of Lafayette may serve as one of the appointments.

- (3) Two members, one of whom shall be a black citizen, shall be appointed by the Lafayette City Council.
- (4) Two members, one of whom shall be nominated by the Central Labor Council of Lafayette, shall be appointed by the Lafayette Parish president. The parish president may serve as one of the appointments.
- (5) Two members, one of whom shall be a black citizen, shall be appointed by the Lafayette Parish Council.
- (6) Two members shall be appointed by the president of the University of Southwestern Louisiana. The president may serve as one of the appointments.

Proposed law makes technical changes to the list of board members and revises the nomination and appointment of board members as follows:

- (1) Two members, one of whom shall be nominated by the Lafayette Parish Farm Bureau, shall be appointed by a majority vote of the mayors of the incorporated municipalities of Lafayette Parish other than the city of Lafayette.
- (2) Two members shall be appointed by the Lafayette Mayor-President. The Lafayette Mayor-President may serve as one of the appointments.
- (3) Two members, one of whom shall be a racial minority, shall be appointed by the Lafayette City Council.
- (4) Two members, one of whom shall be a racial minority, shall be appointed by the Lafayette Parish Council.
- (5) One member shall be appointed by the president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The president may serve as the appointment.
- (6) One member shall be appointed by the chancellor of South Louisiana Community College. The chancellor may serve as the appointment.
- (7) One member shall be appointed jointly by the members of the Louisiana House of Representatives who represent a district in which the majority of the population of their district resides in Lafayette Parish.
- (8) One member shall be appointed jointly by the members of the Louisiana Senate who represent a district in which the majority of the population of their district resides in Lafayette Parish.

The effective date of such board appointments is March 1, 2020.

Present law provides for the Lafayette Parish Council to have oversight responsibility for the Lafayette Economic Development Authority and to utilize such powers as are necessary to exercise such oversight responsibility.

Present law requires the board to make an annual report to the parish of Lafayette about the number of arrivals and departures of vessels and their tonnage along with the exports and imports passing through the port district.

Proposed law repeals present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 34:292(B)(1); adds R.S. 34:291(B)(3); repeals R.S. 34:291.1 and 295)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Revises the nomination and appointment of members of the board of commissioners and provides for the effective date of such appointments to be March 1, 2020.
3. Adds three members to the board of commissioners.
4. Deletes the two members nominated by the Central Labor Council of Lafayette and appointed by the Lafayette Parish president.