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Abstract: Provides for changes to the board of directors of the Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission.

Present law provides that the governing authority of any parish may form and create a tourist commission.

Present law specifically creates certain tourist commissions including the Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission composed of all the territory in Acadia Parish.

Present law provides that, unless provided otherwise, a commission shall be governed by a board of seven directors to be appointed by the governing authority of the parish.

Present law provides that, unless provided otherwise, appointments shall be made from a list of nominees submitted to the governing authority by private, nonprofit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry.

Present law provides for an exception with respect to the Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission. Provides that the commission shall be governed by a board of 11 directors. Proposed law changes the total number of directors appointed by the parish governing authority from 11 to 12.

Proposed law further authorizes the board to appoint a 13th member to the board. Requires majority vote for such an appointment, and provides that it need not be made from lists of nominees as provided for by present law. Also authorizes the board to decide that it will no longer utilize the additional member authorized by proposed law, but provides that such a decision will become effective only when there is a vacancy in the position. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 33:4574(F)(9))