SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 227   **2021 Regular Session**   **Barrow**

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Creates the Plank Road Economic Development District in East Baton Rouge Parish. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1.   Change the boundaries of the district.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Proposed law creates the Plank Road Business Economic Development District as a political subdivision in East Baton Rouge Parish for the purpose of developing the area included within the district in order to provide for substantial economic activity and employment opportunities. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law provides that the district shall be managed by a board of commissioners comprised of members appointed as follows:

(1)   One member shall be appointed by the state senator for Senate District 14 on an annual rotating basis beginning in 2023 and every other year thereafter.

(2)   One member shall be appointed by the state senator for Senate District 15 on an annual rotating basis beginning in 2022 and every other year thereafter.

(3)   One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House District No. 29 on a rotating basis beginning in 2022 and every third year thereafter.

(4)   One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House District No. 63 on a rotating basis beginning in 2023 and every third year thereafter.

(5)   One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House District No. 67 on a rotating basis beginning in 2024 and every third year thereafter.

(6)   One member shall be appointed by the governing board of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, who shall serve for a term of two years.

(7)   One member shall be appointed by the governing board of Build BR, who shall serve for a term of two years.

(8)   One member shall be appointed by the governing board of Impact North Baton Rouge, who shall serve for a term of two years

(9)   Two business owners with businesses located within the district to be selected by a subcommittee formed by the board, who shall serve for a term of two years.

Proposed law further provides that the members of the board shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the district shall have and exercise all powers of a political subdivision necessary or convenient for the carrying out of its objects and purposes, including but not limited to the following:

(1)   To sue and to be sued.

(2)   To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.

(3)   To adopt bylaws and rules and regulations.

(4)   To receive by gift, grant, donation, or otherwise any sum of money, property, aid, or assistance from the U.S., the state, or any political subdivision thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation.

(5)   To enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or private association, corporation, business entity, or individual.

(6)   To appoint officers, agents, and employees, prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation.

(7)   To acquire by purchase, gift, grant, donation, lease, or otherwise such property as may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the objectives and purposes of the board.

Proposed law requires the board to prepare or cause to be prepared a plan specifying the public improvements, facilities, and services proposed to be furnished, constructed, or acquired for the district and to conduct public hearings, publish notice with respect thereto, and disseminate information as it, in the exercise of its sound discretion, may deem to be appropriate or advisable and in the public interest.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:2740.67.1)

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