

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

DISTRICTS/FIRE PROTECT: Provides relative to the board of commissioners of Terrebonne Parish Fire Protection District Number Six

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1496(F), relative to Terrebonne Parish Fire Protection District  
3 Number Six; to provide for membership of its board of commissioners; to provide  
4 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1496(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1496. Appointment of members of board; term; vacancies

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12 F. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, the board  
13 of commissioners of Terrebonne Parish Fire Protection District Number Six shall  
14 consist of ~~seven~~ five members to be appointed as follows provided that the governing  
15 authority of Terrebonne Parish and the governing authority of Lafourche Parish have  
16 respectively authorized the extension of the boundaries of Terrebonne Parish Fire  
17 Protection District Number Six into Lafourche Parish as such an extension is  
18 provided for by R.S. 40:1493 and 1494:

1                   (1) ~~Five~~ Four members shall be appointed by the governing authority of  
2           Terrebonne Parish. Such commissioners shall be electors of the area of Terrebonne  
3           Parish lying within the boundaries of the district.

4                   (2) ~~Two commissioners~~ One commissioner shall be appointed by the  
5           governing authority of Lafourche Parish. Such ~~commissioners~~ commissioner shall  
6           be ~~electors~~ an elector of the area of ~~Lafourche Parish~~ lying within the boundaries of  
7           the district.

8                   (3) The commissioners so appointed shall elect from their number a  
9           chairman of the board.

10                   (4) ~~Initial terms of two of the commissioners from Terrebonne Parish and~~  
11           ~~one of the commissioners~~ commissioner ~~from appointed by the governing authority~~  
12           ~~of Lafourche Parish shall be one year, and the initial terms of the remaining~~  
13           ~~commissioners shall be two years as determined by lot. All subsequent terms~~ The  
14           term of office for each ~~commissioners~~ commissioner shall be two years.

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16                   Section 2. This Act does not require the removal of any member of the board serving  
17           on the effective date of this Act.

18                   Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
19           signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
20           by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
21           vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
22           effective on the day following such approval.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 72 Original

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**Abstract:** Provides for changes to the board of commissioners of Terrebonne Parish Fire Protection District Number Six.

Present law provides for the appointment of members to the board of commissioners of fire protection districts. Generally provides that the board of commissioners shall consist of five members; provides exceptions.

Present law provides that the board of commissioners of Terrebonne Parish Fire Protection District No. Six shall consist of seven members if the Terrebonne Parish and Lafourche Parish governing authorities authorize extending the district into Lafourche Parish.

Present law provides that five members from the portion of the district in Terrebonne Parish and two from the portion of the district in Lafourche Parish shall be appointed by the respective parish governing authorities. Requires that the members be electors of the portion of the district within their respective parish. Provides for the commissioners to elect the chairman.

Proposed law provides for the following changes:

- (1) Changes total number of board members from seven to five.
- (2) Changes number of commissioners appointed by the governing authority of Terrebonne Parish from five to four.
- (3) Changes number of commissioners appointed by the governing authority of Lafourche Parish from two to one.
- (4) Removes requirement that a member appointed by Lafourche Parish be an elector of that parish.

Otherwise retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:1496(F))