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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

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DIGEST

SB 480 Engrossed

2022 Regular Session

Boudreaux

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

Present law provides that the LEDA is established for the purpose of having a council composed of representatives from the business community, parish and city governments, and the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL) to perform the functions of an economic and industrial development agency.

Proposed law retains present law but replaces the USL with University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) and adds South Louisiana Community College (SLCC).

Proposed law retains present law and adds that no rule, regulation, or order shall be adopted by the LEDA which is inconsistent with or contrary to any law, ordinance, or regulation now in force or hereinafter enacted by the USA, the state of La., or Lafayette Parish, and any such rule, regulation, or order will be void, except that no action by the Lafayette Parish Council (LPC) 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 (LCC).
- (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 LPC.

- (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.
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- (5) One member shall be appointed by One Acadiana.
- (6) Two members, one who shall be a racial minority, shall be appointed by the president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The president may serve as one of the appointments.
- (7) One member shall be appointed by the chancellor of South Louisiana Community College. The chancellor may serve as the appointment.

Further provides that the effective date of such board appointments is August 1, 2022.

Proposed law repeals present law.

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

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds a member from South Louisiana Community College to the group of representatives that compose the Lafayette Economic Development Authority.