

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1076 (Substitute for House Bill No. 373 by Representative Travis Johnson)

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Provides for the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:341(D) and 342(A)(introductory paragraph), to enact R.S.  
3 3:342(J), and to repeal R.S. 3:342(A)(3) through (6) and (26), relative to the Delta  
4 Agriculture Research and Sustainability District; to provide for district boundaries;  
5 to provide for the board of commissioners; to provide for administrative positions;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

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

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 3:341(D) and 342(A)(introductory paragraph) are hereby amended  
12 and reenacted and R.S. 3:342(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §341. Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District; creation; purpose;  
14 territorial jurisdiction

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16 D. The boundaries of the district shall be coterminous with the boundaries  
17 of the parishes of Concordia, East Carroll, Madison, and Tensas.

1 §342. Board of commissioners; members; officers

2 A. The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, referred to  
3 in this Part as the "board", consisting of ~~twenty-six~~ the following members as  
4 follows:

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6 J. The board may hire a chief executive officer to help lead the overall  
7 mission of the district including establishing research and funding goals and serving  
8 as the board's representative in dealing with current and prospective partners of the  
9 district. If the board hires a chief executive officer, then the board shall establish the  
10 duties, responsibilities, salary, and benefits of the position.

11 Section 2. R.S. 3:342(A)(3) through (6) and (26) are hereby repealed in their  
12 entirety.

13 Section 3. The Louisiana Law Institute is directed to renumber the board of  
14 commissioner members listed in R.S. 3:342(A), as amended by the provisions of this Act.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Expands the boundaries of the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District, reduces the size of the board of commissioners, and authorizes the board of commissioners to hire a chief executive officer.

Present law creates the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District (district) within the parishes of East Carroll and Tensas.

Proposed law expands the district to include the parishes of Concordia and Madison.

Present law creates the board of commissioners (board) consisting of 26 members from various entities within the district and from outside.

Proposed law reduces the size of the board by five seats by eliminating the following positions:

- (1) The president of the local governing authority for the parish of East Carroll or his designee.
- (2) The president of the local governing authority for the parish of Concordia or his designee.

- (3) The president of the local governing authority for the parish of Madison or his designee.
- (4) The president of the local governing authority for the parish of Tensas or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Louisiana Cotton and Grain Assoc. or his designee as an ex officio nonvoting member.

Proposed law authorizes the board to hire a chief executive officer and establish the duties, responsibilities, salary, and benefits of the position.

(Amends R.S. 3:341(D) and 342(A)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 3:342(J); Repeals R.S. 3:342(A)(3)-(6) and (26))