

SENATE BILL NO. 480

BY SENATORS BOUDREAUX AND CORTEZ

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 34:291(B)(1) and 292(B)(1)(b) through (f), to enact R.S. 34:291(B)(3) and 292(B)(1)(g), and to repeal R.S. 34:291.1 and 295, relative to the Lafayette Economic Development Authority; to provide for oversight responsibility; to remove certain responsibilities for examinations and investigations; to provide for board appointment; to provide for transition; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 34:291(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 34:291(B)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§291. Creation; territorial limits and jurisdiction

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B.(1) The Lafayette Economic Development Authority 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~~ **University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the South Louisiana Community College** to perform the functions of an economic and industrial development agency. Such functions may include, without limitation:

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(3) No rule, regulation, or order shall be adopted by the Lafayette Economic Development Authority which is inconsistent with or contrary to any law, ordinance, or regulation now in force or hereinafter enacted by the United States of America, the state of Louisiana, or the parish of Lafayette, and any

1 such rule, regulation, or order shall be void, except that no action by the
2 Lafayette Parish Council shall abrogate any contract or agreement duly
3 executed by the authority that was valid and legal when executed.

4 Section 2. R.S. 34:292(B)(1)(b) through (f) are hereby amended and reenacted and
5 R.S. 34:292(B)(1)(g) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §292. Board of commissioners

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8 B.(1) The commissioners shall be appointed as follows:

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10 (b) Two members, ~~one of whom shall be nominated by the Greater Lafayette~~
11 ~~Chamber of Commerce,~~ shall be appointed by the ~~mayor of the city of Lafayette~~
12 **Mayor-President.** The ~~mayor of the city of Lafayette~~ **Mayor-President** may serve
13 as one of the appointments.

14 (c) Two members, one of whom shall be a ~~black citizen~~ **racial minority,**
15 shall be appointed by the Lafayette City Council.

16 (d) ~~Two members, one of whom shall be nominated by the Central Labor~~
17 ~~Council of Lafayette, shall be appointed by the Lafayette Parish president. The parish~~
18 ~~president may serve as one of the appointments.~~

19 (e) Two members, one of whom shall be a ~~black citizen~~ **racial minority,**
20 shall be appointed by the Lafayette Parish Council.

21 **(e) One member shall be appointed by One Acadiana.**

22 (f) Two members, **one of whom shall be a racial minority,** shall be
23 appointed by the president of the University of ~~Southwestern Louisiana~~ **Louisiana**
24 **at Lafayette.** The president may serve as one of the appointments.

25 **(g) One member shall be appointed by the chancellor of South Louisiana**
26 **Community College. The chancellor may serve as the appointment.**

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28 Section 3. R.S. 34:291.1 and 295 are hereby repealed.

29 Section 4. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective
30 August 1, 2022.

1 Section 5. The provisions of Sections 1, 3, 4 and this Section of this Act shall become
2 effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration
3 of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
4 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently
5 approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such
6 approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____