

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 136

BY SENATOR BARROW

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Provides relative to the governance of the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.67(C)(1), (2), and (7) and to enact R.S.
3 33:2740.67(D)(1)(h), relative to the Baton Rouge North Economic Development
4 District; to provide relative to the governance of the district; to provide relative to
5 rules, regulations, and procedures of the board; to provide with respect to board
6 membership and term of members; to provide for duties of the board of
7 commissioners; to provide for subdistricts; to provide for an effective date; and to
8 provide for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.67(C)(1), (2), and (7) are hereby amended and reenacted and
12 R.S. 33:2740.67(D)(1)(h) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §2740.67. Baton Rouge North Economic Development District

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15 C. Governance. (1) In order to provide for the orderly planning, development,
16 acquisition, construction, and effectuation of the services, improvements, and
17 facilities to be furnished by the district and to provide for the representation in the

1 affairs of the district of those persons and interests immediately concerned with and
2 affected by the purposes and development of the district, the district shall be
3 managed by a ~~nine-five~~-member board of commissioners, referred to in this Section
4 as the "board". The board shall be comprised of five members ~~as follows~~, with two
5 members appointed by the state senator for Senate District No. 14 and three
6 members appointed by the state senator for Senate District No. 15.

7 ~~(a) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House~~
8 ~~District No. 29, who shall be a representative of the business community, on a~~
9 ~~rotating basis beginning in 2022 and every other year thereafter.~~

10 ~~(b) Two members shall be appointed by the state senator for Senate District~~
11 ~~No. 15.~~

12 ~~(c) One member with a background in economic development shall be~~
13 ~~appointed by the mayor-president of the parish of East Baton Rouge.~~

14 ~~(d) One member shall be appointed with a community development~~
15 ~~background located within the district to be selected by a subcommittee formed by~~
16 ~~the board.~~

17 ~~(e) One member shall be appointed by the owner of the largest parcel of land~~
18 ~~located within the district.~~

19 ~~(f) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House~~
20 ~~District No. 61, on a rotating basis beginning in 2022 and every other year thereafter.~~

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22 ~~District No. 63, on a rotating basis beginning in 2022 and every other year thereafter.~~

23 ~~(h) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House~~
24 ~~District No. 67, on a rotating basis beginning in 2023 and every other year thereafter.~~

25 ~~(i) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House~~
26 ~~District No. 101, on a rotating basis beginning in 2023 and every other year~~
27 ~~thereafter.~~

28 ~~(j) One member shall be appointed by the state senator for Senate District No.~~
29 ~~14.~~

1 effective on the day following such approval.

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

DIGEST

SB 136 Reengrossed

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Barrow

Present law provides relative to the Baton Rouge North Economic Development District.

Present law provides that the district shall be comprised of twelve members as follows:

- (1) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House District No. 29, who shall be a representative of the business community, on a rotating basis beginning in 2022 and every other year thereafter.
- (2) Two members shall be appointed by the state senator for Senate District No. 15.
- (3) One member with a background in economic development shall be appointed by the mayor-president of the parish of East Baton Rouge.
- (4) One member shall be appointed with a community development background located within the district to be selected by a subcommittee formed by the board.
- (5) One member shall be appointed by the owner of the largest parcel of land located within the district.
- (6) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House District No. 61, on a rotating basis beginning in 2022 and every other year thereafter.
- (7) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House District No. 63, on a rotating basis beginning in 2022 and every other year thereafter.
- (8) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House District No. 67, on a rotating basis beginning in 2023 and every other year thereafter.
- (9) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House District No. 101, on a rotating basis beginning in 2023 and every other year thereafter.
- (10) One member shall be appointed by the state senator for Senate District No. 14.
- (11) One member shall be appointed by the state representative for House District No. 29, on a rotating basis beginning in 2023 and every other year thereafter.

Proposed law provides that the board consists of a total of five members. Two members shall be appointed by the state senator for District No. 14 and three members shall be selected by the state senator for Senate District No. 15.

Proposed law provides that the board members will serve two-year terms and no more than four cumulative terms.

Present law provides that the board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or advisable for conducting its business affairs. It shall hold regular meetings as shall be provided in the bylaws and may hold special meetings at such times and places within the district as may be prescribed in the bylaws.

Proposed law retains present law but specifies that these rules and regulations shall include

a procedure for the removal of inactive board members.

Proposed law authorizes the board to divide the district into four subdistricts. Each subdistrict shall have three advisors. Each subdistrict shall advise the board on economic development issues related to the subdistrict.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.67(C)(1), (2), and (7); adds R.S. 33:2740.67(D)(1)(h))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes changes to the appointing authority for the board of commissioners of the district.
2. Authorizes the creation of subdistricts.