

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 425

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides relative to appointments to the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e), relative to the Shreveport Downtown  
3 Development District; to provide relative to nomination of board members; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

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

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §2740.38. Shreveport; downtown development district

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11 C.(1) The Shreveport Downtown Development District, hereinafter referred  
12 to as the "district," shall be governed by the Shreveport Downtown Development  
13 Authority hereinafter referred to as the "authority," originally established by  
14 Ordinance No. 47 of 1975 of the city council of the city of Shreveport. The members  
15 of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority shall be composed of two  
16 nonvoting members: the mayor of the city of Shreveport and the executive director  
17 of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority and seven voting members

1 who shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Shreveport (the "mayor"), subject  
2 to confirmation by the city council as follows:

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4 (e) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the  
5 state senators whose senatorial districts are defined by R.S. ~~24:35.1(A)(37)~~  
6 **24:35.1(A)(38)** as District ~~37~~ **38** and by R.S. 24:35.1(A)(39) as District 39 and by  
7 the state representative whose representative district is defined by R.S. 24:35.5(A)(4)  
8 as District 4.

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10 Section 2. The current member of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority  
11 appointed in pursuant to R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e) may serve until his term expires and a  
12 successor is appointed; however in the event there is a vacancy in that appointment after the  
13 effective date of this Act, the nomination for replacing that appointment shall be as provided  
14 in this Act.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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DIGEST

SB 425 Original 2024 Regular Session Pressly  
Present law provides that the members of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority  
is composed of two nonvoting members: the mayor of the city of Shreveport and the  
executive director of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority and seven voting  
members who shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Shreveport, subject to  
confirmation by the city council as follows:

- (1) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by Downtown Shreveport Unlimited.
- (2) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce or its successor.
- (3) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.
- (4) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the Downtown Shreveport Development Corporation.
- (5) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the state senators representing Senate District 37 and Senate District 39 and by the state representative representing District 4.
- (6) Two members from a list of seven nominees submitted to the mayor by the Shreveport city council members.

Present law provides that members serve for a three-year term.

Proposed law retains present law with the exception that the senator representing Senate District 38 participate in submitting the list of nominees to the mayor instead of the senator representing Senate District 37. Provides for transition.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e))