

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law created the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District.

New law changes the name of the district from the Delta Agriculture Research and Sustainability District to the Delta Economic Research and Sustainability District.

New law specifies that Concordia Parish is the domicile of the district.

Existing law specifies that the district is governed by a board of commissioners, consisting of 26 members. In pertinent part, the membership includes the following university presidents:

- (1) The president of La. Tech University or his designee.
- (2) The president of the University of La. at Monroe or his designee.
- (3) The president of the Southern University System or his designee.
- (4) The president of the La. State University System or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Grambling State University or his designee.

New law removes the voting rights of the presidents of La. Tech University, University of La. at Monroe, Southern University System, La. State University System, and Grambling State University, and their designees making them ex officio members. Further adds the chairman of the La. Public Transit Association as an ex officio member without voting rights.

Prior law required the board to hire a district director to manage day-to-day management operations and to establish the duties, responsibilities, and the salary and benefits of the district director.

New law changes who the board may hire from a "district director" to "staff persons". Further authorizes the board to hire staff persons to manage day-to-day management operations and to establish the duties, responsibilities, and the salary of such staff persons.

Prior law required the district director to report directly to the board and authorized him to hire an administrative assistant with approval of the board.

New law requires staff persons to report directly to the chairman of the board and authorizes a staff person to hire an administrative assistant with approval of the board.

Prior law required that a district director hired after July 1, 2023 be a resident of the state and have been domiciled in the district for the preceding two years prior to employment.

New law requires a staff person hired after July 1, 2024 to be a resident of the state.

Prior law exempted a district director hired prior to July 1, 2023 from the provisions of prior law.

New law exempts staff persons hired prior to July 1, 2024 from the provisions of new law, instead of exempting a district director.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends the heading of Part IV of Chapter 4-A of Title 3 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950, R.S. 3:341(A) and 342(B) and (I); Adds R.S. 3:341(E))