

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKIN

DISTRICTS/RECREATION: Provides relative to membership of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570.1, relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for  
3 the Parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the membership of the  
4 commission; to decrease the commission's membership; to provide for an effective  
5 date; and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:4570.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

11 §4570.1. Board of commissioners; officers; quorum; employees

12 A. The commission shall be composed of ~~three~~ five ex officio members ~~and~~  
13 ~~six appointed members for a total of nine commissioners.~~ The ex officio members  
14 shall be ~~the mayor-president, or an officer or employee of the city or parish~~  
15 ~~designated by the mayor-president from time to time; a member of the school board~~  
16 ~~of East Baton Rouge Parish, designated by the school board for a term coincident~~  
17 ~~with his term on the school board; and a member of the planning commission~~  
18 ~~designated by the planning commission for a term coincident with his term on the~~  
19 ~~planning commission. The six appointed members shall be qualified voters of the~~  
20 ~~parish appointed by the metropolitan council for terms of three years. Vacancies~~

1 shall be filled by the designating or appointing body for the unexpired portion of the  
 2 term the mayors of the following municipalities: Baker, Baton Rouge, Central, St.  
 3 George, and Zachary. The members shall serve during their terms of office. All  
 4 commission members shall serve without compensation.

5 B. The commission shall elect from ~~the six appointed~~ its members a  
 6 chairman, a vice chairman, and a treasurer whose terms of office shall be one year.  
 7 ~~Four~~ Three members shall constitute a quorum of the commission for all purposes.  
 8 The commission shall have the power and authority to name and employ a person  
 9 who shall be designated as superintendent of the commission, who shall not be a  
 10 member of the commission, and who shall be ex officio secretary of the commission,  
 11 and to prescribe and pay an annual salary to the superintendent.

12 Section 2. The terms of the members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the  
 13 Parish of East Baton Rouge in office on the effective date of this Act shall terminate on that  
 14 date; however, the members shall remain in office until the commission members take office  
 15 as provided in this Act. The members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish  
 16 of East Baton Rouge shall take office as provided in this Act and shall serve terms of office  
 17 as provided in this Act.

18 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 21 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 22 effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Reduces the membership of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Present law creates the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge as a subdivision of the state to plan, own, and operate public recreational and park facilities in the parish. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the commission is comprised of nine members, six of whom are appointed by the city-parish governing authority and three of whom are ex officio members. The three ex officio members are the mayor-president or his designee, a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish school board designated by the school board, and a member of the planning commission designated by the planning commission. Provides that four members constitute a quorum.

Proposed law reduces the membership of the commission from nine to five. Provides that the five members shall be mayors of the following municipalities: Baker, Baton Rouge, Central, St. George, and Zachary. Provides that three members constitute a quorum.

Proposed law provides that terms of the members of the commission in office on the effective date of proposed law shall terminate on that date; however, the members shall remain in office until the members take office pursuant to proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:4570.1)