

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 73

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

DISTRICTS/SPECIAL: Provides relative to the members of a board of commissioners of an East Feliciana Parish gas utility district

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:4305(B)(6), relative to East Feliciana Parish; to provide relative to gas
3 utility districts in the parish; to provide relative to the compensation of members of
4 the boards of commissioners of gas utility districts; to increase the maximum per
5 diem authorized to be paid to such members; 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. 33:4305(B)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §4305. Domicile; meetings; officers; bonds; depositories; compensation; rate fixing

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13 B.

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15 (6) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no member
16 of the board of commissioners of any gas utility district located in East Feliciana
17 Parish shall receive a salary for the performance of his duties as a member. Each
18 member may receive a per diem for each meeting attended, up to twenty-four regular
19 and two special meetings per year. The board shall fix the amount of the per diem
20 in an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars. A member may be reimbursed

1 for all proper expenses incurred in carrying on the business of the district. The board
2 may fix reasonable additional compensation, commensurate with the additional
3 duties performed, for a member who serves as secretary or treasurer or secretary-
4 treasurer of the board.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the maximum per diem authorized to be paid to members of the governing boards of gas utility districts located in East Feliciana Parish.

Present law authorizes parishes to create gas utility districts within their respective boundaries. Provides that a district is governed by a board of commissioners appointed by the parish governing authority. Provides, however, if the district includes one or more municipalities, the board must consist of nine members, seven of whom shall be appointed by the parish governing authority and two to be appointed by the governing authority of the municipality. Provides for the appointment of board members if a district includes two or more municipalities. Requires members to serve five-year staggered terms and provides for vacancies.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits members of the board of commissioners from receiving a salary for the performance of their duties as members. Authorizes members to receive a per diem for each meeting attended, up to 25 meetings per year. Requires the board to fix the amount of per diem in an amount not to exceed \$75. Authorizes reimbursement for all proper expenses incurred in carrying on the business of the district. Additionally authorizes the board to fix reasonable additional compensation, commensurate with the additional duties performed, for a member who serves as secretary or treasurer or secretary-treasurer of the board. Provides exceptions.

Proposed law provides an exception for board members of any district located in East Feliciana Parish. Requires the board to fix the amount of per diem in an amount not to exceed \$250 for each meeting attended, up to 24 regular meetings and two special meetings per year. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Adds R.S. 33:4305(B)(6))