

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

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 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §4570.1. Board of commissioners; officers; quorum; employees

11 A. The commission shall be composed of ~~three~~ five ex officio members and
12 ~~six~~ four appointed members for a total of nine commissioners. The ex officio
13 members shall be the ~~mayor-president, or an officer or employee of the city or parish~~
14 ~~designated by the mayor-president from time to time; a member of the school board~~
15 ~~of East Baton Rouge Parish, designated by the school board for a term coincident~~
16 ~~with his term on the school board; and a member of the planning commission~~
17 ~~designated by the planning commission for a term coincident with his term on the~~
18 ~~planning commission.~~ mayors of the following municipalities: Baker, Baton Rouge,

1 Central, St. George, and Zachary. Each mayor may designate a person to serve in
2 his place as a member of the commission. Each designee shall serve at the pleasure
3 of the designating mayor. The ex officio members shall serve during their terms of
4 office. The ~~six~~ four appointed members shall be qualified voters of the parish
5 appointed by the ~~metropolitan council~~ governing authority of the city of Baton
6 Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge for terms of three years. Of the four appointed
7 members, at least two shall be residents of the city of Baton Rouge, and at least one
8 shall be a resident of the unincorporated area of East Baton Rouge Parish. Following
9 the release of each decennial federal census, the commission may, by majority vote,
10 reallocate these designated residency requirements to reflect the changes in
11 population distribution across the parish. Any such reallocation shall apply
12 prospectively and shall not alter the term of any sitting member. Vacancies shall be
13 filled by the designating or appointing ~~body for the unexpired portion of the term~~
14 authority. All commission members shall serve without compensation.

15 B. The commission shall elect from ~~the six appointed~~ its members a
16 chairman, a vice chairman, and a treasurer whose terms of office shall be one year.
17 ~~Four~~ Five members shall constitute a quorum of the commission for all purposes.
18 The commission shall have the power and authority to name and employ a person
19 who shall be designated as superintendent of the commission, who shall not be a
20 member of the commission, and who shall be ex officio secretary of the commission,
21 and to prescribe and pay an annual salary to the superintendent.

22 Section 2. The terms of the members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the
23 Parish of East Baton Rouge in office on the effective date of this Act shall terminate on that
24 date; however, the members shall remain in office until the commission members take office
25 as provided in this Act. The members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish
26 of East Baton Rouge shall take office as provided in this Act and shall serve terms of office
27 as provided in this Act.

28 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

- 1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 86 Engrossed

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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 governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge 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 changes the membership of the commission to provide for five ex officio members and four members appointed by the governing authority of city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge for three-year terms. Provides that the five ex officio members shall be mayors of the following municipalities: Baker, Baton Rouge, Central, St. George, and Zachary. Requires that at least two of the appointed members be residents of the city of Baton Rouge, and at least one be a resident of an unincorporated area of East Baton Rouge Parish. Authorizes the commission, following the release of each decennial federal census, by majority vote, to reallocate these designated residency requirements to reflect changes in population distribution across the parish. Provides that the reallocation shall apply prospectively and shall not alter the term of any sitting member. Provides that five 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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Authorize each mayor to designate a person to serve in his place on the commission.

2. Add four commissioners appointed by the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge for three-year terms.
3. Add voter and residency requirements for the appointed commissioners.
4. Authorize the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge to reallocate residency requirements under certain circumstances.
5. Increase the quorum requirement from three to five members.