
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.