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## DIGEST

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HB 73 Reengrossed

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Adams

**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 per day up to 24 regular meetings and two special meetings per year. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

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

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Specify that commissioners may receive up to \$250 per day for their attendance at meetings of the board.