
DIGEST

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HB 90 Engrossed

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Abstract: Relative to the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District, changes the district's boundaries and governing board composition.

Present law creates the Ferriday Downtown Entertainment District as a political subdivision of the state to provide for cooperative economic and community development among the district, the city, the state, and the owners of property in the district, to enhance the development of and improvement to the property within the area of the district, and to expand the entertainment and leisure activities within the district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for the district's boundaries.

Proposed law expands the district's boundaries.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners appointed as follows:

- (1) Two members appointed by the mayor of the town of Ferriday.
- (2) Two members appointed by the governing authority of the town of Ferriday.
- (3) One member appointed by the chief executive officer of Concordia Bank & Trust.
- (4) One member appointed by the chief executive officer of Delta Bank.
- (5) One member appointed by the governing board of the Delta Museum who shall be a representative of the museum.

Proposed law removes the appointments granted to the chief executive officer of Concordia Bank & Trust and the chief executive officer of Delta Bank. Grants one appointment each to the member of the La. House of Representatives who represents District No. 21, the member of the La. Senate who represents District No. 34, the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department, and the governing board of Delta Recreation. Proposed law increases the board membership from seven to nine.

Proposed law provides that members serve three-year staggered terms.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for the initial terms of the four newly appointed board members. Provides that the terms of the one member appointed by the chief executive officer of Concordia Bank and the one member appointed by the chief executive officer of Delta Bank shall terminate on the effective date of proposed law. Provides that the members shall remain in office until their successors are appointed and take office. Additionally provides that the two members appointed by mayor of the town of Ferriday, the two members appointed by the governing authority of the town of Ferriday, and the one member appointed by the governing board of the Delta Museum shall continue to serve until the expiration of their terms.

Proposed law authorizes the officers of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department to patrol the area included within the boundaries of the district and to make arrests within the area. Provides that the officers shall no longer be authorized to patrol the area included within the boundaries of the district or make arrests in the area if the district ceases to exist.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.70.6(B), (D)(1)(intro. para.), (c), and (d) and (2), and (I); Adds R.S. 33:2740.70.6(D)(1)(f) and (g) and (J))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make changes to the composition of the board.
2. Add provisions that provide for the initial terms of certain board members.
3. Add provisions that provide that the terms of certain board members shall terminate on the effective date of proposed law.
4. Add provisions that provide that certain board members shall continue to serve until the expiration of their terms.
5. Authorize the officers of the Concordia Parish Sheriff's Department to patrol the area included within the boundaries of the district and to make arrests in the area.