

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY SENATOR BROWN

COMMITTEE STUDIES. Creates and provides for the Southeast Louisiana Task Force for Growth and Opportunity.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for the Southeast Louisiana Task Force for Growth and Opportunity,
3 to be known as the SEL-GO Group.

4 WHEREAS, with an anticipated influx of over six thousand construction, direct, and
5 indirect jobs in Louisiana Senate District No. 2, primarily in Ascension, Iberville, St.
6 Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist parishes, there is a need to assess the required
7 development and enhancement of human resources, transportation, health care, law
8 enforcement, housing, education, and infrastructure; and

9 WHEREAS, a study is necessary to assess the need for a governmental body tasked
10 to design policy and programs funded by grants and government-approved funds that support
11 the development of human resources, transportation, health care, law enforcement, housing,
12 education, and infrastructure in the region; and

13 WHEREAS, if it is determined that a governmental body is needed, consideration
14 should be given and recommendations developed regarding the proper role of the
15 governmental body and its governing authority, including its composition, authority, and
16 powers; the organization of the body into units based upon an assessment of the region's
17 immediate needs; sources of funding, including but not limited to the levy of taxes, and
18 financing alternatives, including but not limited to tax increment financing; and ability to

1 engage in cooperative endeavor agreements.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
3 does hereby establish and create the Southeast Louisiana Task Force for Growth &
4 Opportunity which shall be known as the SEL-GO Group.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall assess the need for a
6 governmental body tasked to design policy and programs funded by grants and government-
7 approved funds that support the development of human resources, transportation, health care,
8 law enforcement, housing, education, and infrastructure in the region.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the task force determine that a
10 governmental body is needed, it shall give consideration to and make recommendations
11 regarding the proper role of the governmental body and its governing authority, including
12 its composition, authority, and powers and the organization of the body into units based upon
13 an assessment of the region's immediate needs; sources of funding, including but not limited
14 to the levy of taxes, and financing alternatives, including but not limited to tax increment
15 financing; and ability to engage in cooperative endeavor agreements.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of two
17 representatives from each of the parishes of Ascension, Iberville, St. Charles, St. James, and
18 St. John the Baptist, appointed so that each parish shall be represented by a person residing
19 within the parish on the west side of the Mississippi River and one person residing within
20 the parish on the east side of the Mississippi River, the members to be designated as follows:

21 (1)(a) From Ascension Parish, one member designated by the Ascension Parish
22 Council and one member designated by the Ascension Parish Economic Development
23 Council.

24 (b) From Iberville Parish, one member designated by the Iberville Parish Council
25 and one member designated by the Iberville Parish Chamber of Commerce.

26 (c) From St. Charles Parish, one member designated by the St. Charles Parish
27 Council and one member designated by the St. Charles Parish Economic Development
28 Council.

29 (d) From St. James Parish, one member designated by the St. James Parish Council
30 and one member designated by the River Region Chamber of Commerce.

1 (e) From St. John the Baptist Parish, one member designated by the St. John the
2 Baptist Parish Council and one member designated by the River Region Chamber of
3 Commerce.

4 (2) Each appointing body shall submit the name of its designated member to the
5 Senate President on or before August 1, 2013.

6 (3) The task force shall hold its organizational meeting on or before September 1,
7 2013, at the call of the Senator representing Senate District No. 2 and at its organizational
8 meeting, the task force shall elect a chair and vice chair and such other officers as deemed
9 necessary, provided that the chair and vice chair must be representatives of two different
10 parishes.

11 (4) The task force shall submit a written report to the Senate on or before February
12 1, 2014, together with any specific proposals for legislation.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 Ascension Parish President, Ascension Parish Council, Iberville Parish President, Iberville
15 Parish Council, St. Charles Parish President, St. Charles Parish Council, St. James Parish
16 President, St. James Parish Council, St. John the Baptist Parish President, St. John the
17 Baptist Parish Council, Ascension Parish Economic Development Council, Ascension Parish
18 Chamber of Commerce, Iberville Parish Chamber of Commerce, St. Charles Parish
19 Economic Development Council, and River Region Chamber of Commerce.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

Brown SR No. 97

Creates the Southeast Louisiana Task Force for Growth & Opportunity which shall be known as the SEL-GO Group to assess the need for a governmental body tasked to design policy and programs funded by grants and government-approved funds that support the development of human resources, transportation, health care, law enforcement, housing, education, and infrastructure in the region of La. Senate District No. 2, particularly in the parishes of Ascension, Iberville, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist.

Provides that should the task force determine that a governmental body is needed, it shall give consideration to and make recommendations regarding the proper role of the governmental body.

Provides that the task force shall be composed of two representatives from each of the parishes of Ascension, Iberville, St. Charles, St. James, and St. John the Baptist, appointed so that each parish shall be represented by a person residing within the parish on the west

side of the Mississippi River and one person residing within the parish on the east side of the Mississippi River, the members to be designated as follows:

- (1) From Ascension Parish, one member designated by the parish council and one member designated by the Ascension Parish Economic Development Council.
- (2) From Iberville Parish, one member designated by the parish council and one member designated by the parish chamber of commerce.
- (3) From St. Charles Parish, one member designated by the parish council and one member designated by the St. Charles Parish Economic Development Council.
- (4) From St. James Parish, one member designated by the parish council and one member designated by the River Region Chamber of Commerce.
- (5) From St. John the Baptist Parish, one member designated by the parish council and one member designated by the River Region Chamber of Commerce.

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