

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 368

BY SENATOR MORRELL

LOCAL AGENCIES. Provides relative to the New Orleans Regional Business Park.  
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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4702(B)(1), (2), and (3)(a) and (C)(1), relative to the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the New Orleans Regional Business Park; to provide for the board of commissioners and their terms of office; to require commissioners, executive director, and directors to be residents of the city of New Orleans; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4702(B)(1), (2), and (3)(a) and (C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4702. Board of commissioners; appointment and term; organization

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B.(1) In order to provide for the orderly planning, development, acquisition, construction, and effectuation of the services, projects, improvements, and facilities to be provided or furnished by the district, and to provide for the representation in the affairs of the district of those persons and interests immediately concerned with and affected by the functions, operation, purposes, and developments of the district,

1 the New Orleans Regional Business Park shall be managed by a board of  
2 commissioners comprised of qualified voters and ~~Louisiana~~ residents **of the city of**  
3 **New Orleans.**

4 (2) The board shall be composed of ~~thirteen~~ **seven** members who shall be  
5 appointed as follows:

6 (a) The United States Representative who represents Louisiana's second  
7 congressional district shall appoint one member.

8 ~~The state senator whose senatorial district is defined in R.S. 24:35(A)(4)~~  
9 ~~shall appoint one member.~~ **One member shall be appointed by the councilperson**  
10 **representing council district E, in which the New Orleans Regional Business**  
11 **Park is located.**

12 ~~The state senator whose senatorial district is defined in R.S. 24:35(A)(3)~~  
13 ~~shall appoint one member.~~ **The mayor of the city of New Orleans shall appoint**  
14 **five members as follows:**

15 **(1) One member shall be appointed from a list of three names submitted**  
16 **by the Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training.**

17 **(2) One member shall be appointed from a list of three names submitted**  
18 **by the East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission.**

19 **(3) One member shall be appointed from a list of three names submitted**  
20 **by the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce.**

21 **(4) One member shall be appointed from a list of three names submitted**  
22 **by the board of commissioners for the Port of New Orleans.**

23 **(5) One member shall be appointed from a list of three names submitted**  
24 **by The Greater New Orleans American Federation of Labor and Congress of**  
25 **Industrial Organizations.**

26 ~~The state senator whose senatorial district is defined in R.S. 24:35(A)(1)~~  
27 ~~shall appoint one member.~~

28 ~~The councilperson representing council district E, in which the New~~  
29 ~~Orleans Regional Business Park is located, shall appoint one member.~~



1 effective date of this Act shall terminate on the effective date of this Act. Each appointing  
 2 authority shall have sixty days from the effective date of this Act to make the appointments  
 3 to the board of commissioners for the New Orleans Regional Business Park.

4 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 6 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 8 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument was prepared by Cathy R. Wells. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Linda Nugent.

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#### DIGEST

Morrell (SB 368)

Present law creates the New Orleans Regional Business Park (NORBP) as a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of stimulating industrial and commercial development in Orleans Parish and the adjacent parishes. Provides for district boundaries.

Present law provides for the board's appointing authorities and membership. Provides for the board to be composed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the U.S. Representative who represents Louisiana's 2<sup>nd</sup> congressional district.
- (2) One member appointed by the state representative who represents House District No. 99.
- (3) One member appointed by the state representative who represents House District No. 100.
- (4) One member appointed by the state senator who represents Senate District No. 3.
- (5) One member appointed by the state senator who represents Senate District No. 1.
- (6) One member appointed by the state senator who represents Senate District No. 4.
- (7) One member appointed by the councilperson who represents Council District E.
- (8) Three members appointed by the mayor of the city. One shall be appointed from each list of nominations submitted by the Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training, the East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission, and the board of commissioners for the Almonaster-Michoud Industrial District.
- (9) One member appointed by the state representative who represents House District No. 103.
- (10) The chairman of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce or his designee.

(11) The board of commissioners for the Port of New Orleans shall appoint one member.

Proposed law reduces the size of the board from 13 commissioners to 7 commissioners and provides for the board to be composed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the U.S. Representative who represents Louisiana's second congressional district.
- (2) One member appointed by the councilperson representing council district E, in which the New Orleans Regional Business Park is located.
- (3) The mayor of the city of New Orleans appoints five members as follows:
  - (a) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training.
  - (b) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission.
  - (c) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce.
  - (d) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the board of commissioners for the Port of New Orleans.
  - (e) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by The Greater New Orleans American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Present law provides that the commissioners, executive director, and directors of marketing, operations, and finance shall be residents of the state of Louisiana. Proposed law requires the commissioners, executive director, and directors to be residents of the city of New Orleans.

Present law provides that board members shall serve two-year terms.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law additionally provides that on the effective date of proposed law, the terms of all members of the board serving on such date shall terminate, and the board shall be appointed within 60 days according to proposed law.

Present law provides that if any vacancy is not filled by a nominating entity within 60 days of written notification, the board shall appoint an interim successor until filled by the nominating entity. Provides that if the board fails to fill the vacancy within the next 60 days then the mayor shall appoint such member. Provides that any member appointed by the board or mayor may be replaced by the appointing authority at any time by the nominee of the appointing authority. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:4702(B)(1), (2), and (3)(a) and (C)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Requires commissioners, executive director, and directors to be residents of the city of New Orleans.
2. Requires one commissioner to be appointed from a list of three names submitted by the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce instead of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce.
3. Requires one commissioner to be appointed from a list of three names submitted by The Greater New Orleans American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations instead of Greater New Orleans, Incorporated.