

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Senate Bill No. 368 By Senator Morrell

June 2, 2014

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 368 by Senator Morrell, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the House Committee Amendments Nos. 1 through 10 proposed by the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial, and Cultural Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 28, 2014 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Jean-Paul J. Morrell

Representative Austin Badon

Senator Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb

Representative Walt Leger III

Senator Edwin R. Murray

Representative Helena N. Moreno

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cathy Wells.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

LOCAL AGENCIES: Provides relative to the New Orleans Regional Business Park. (8/15/14)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Restore present law provisions that grant appointments as follows:
 - (a) One member appointed by the state representative who represents Louisiana's 2nd congressional district.
 - (b) One member each appointed by the state representative who represents House Districts Nos. 99, 100, and 103.
 - (c) One member each appointed by the state senator who represents Senate Districts Nos. 1, 3, and 4.
2. Change effective date from effective upon signature of governor to Aug. 15, 2014.
3. Change quorum for the transaction of business from a majority to five members of the board.
4. Require the appointing authorities to make appointments no later than Sept. 15, 2014, rather than within 60 days.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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 2nd 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 removes the chairman of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce or his designee and the member appointed by the board of commissioners for the Port of New Orleans from membership of the board.

Proposed law grants the mayor two additional appointments. Further changes the nomination process by which the mayor appoints members to the board. Deletes the board of commissioners from the Almonaster-Michaud Industrial District from list of organizations that nominate members, and adds the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce, the board of commissioners for the Port of New Orleans, and The Greater New Orleans American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations to such list. Proposed law requires the appointing authorities to make appointments no later than September 15, 2014. Otherwise retains present law provisions for board appointments.

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 a majority of the board constitutes a quorum. Proposed law provides that five members constitute a quorum.

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 according to proposed law by Sept. 15, 2014.

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 on August 15, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 33:4702(B)(1), (2)(f), (3)(a), and (4)(a), and (C)(1); repeals R.S. 33:4702(B)(2)(j) and (k))