

Existing law authorizes municipal and parish planning commissions to adopt master plans to provide for the physical development of their respective municipalities or parishes. Provides generally that commissions consist of not less than five nor more than nine members. Members of a parish planning commission are appointed by the parish governing authority and members of a municipal planning commission are appointed by the chief executive of the municipality. Requires members to serve without compensation. Provides exceptions.

Existing law requires a commission to elect a chairman from its membership and to create and fill other offices as it may determine. The term of a chairman is one year, but he is eligible for reelection. Requires a commission to adopt rules for the transaction of business and to keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations. Further requires a commission to hold at least one regular meeting in each month.

New law authorizes a commission located in any municipality with a population of not less than 6,125 persons and not more than 6,500 persons to cancel monthly commission meetings if there are no items to be placed on the agenda for the meeting. Requires the commission to provide notice to the public no less than five days prior to the scheduled meeting by placing a notice of cancellation in the official journal of the municipality in which the commission is located and by posting a copy of the notice on the door of the building in which the meeting was to be held and via the Internet on the official website of the municipality in which the commission is located.

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