
DIGEST

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HB 364 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the membership of the governing board of the Alexandria Central Economic Development District; makes changes to the appointment process and provides for the terms of board members.

Present law creates and provides for the Alexandria Central Economic Development District as a political subdivision of the state. Provides that the district is created for the primary purpose of redevelopment of the central business district. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a board consisting of nine members, all of whom shall be qualified voters and residents of the city of Alexandria. Provides that the board is composed as follows:

- (1) Three members appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria and confirmed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (2) Two members nominated by the governing board of the Central La. Business League and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (3) Two members nominated by the governing authority of Rapides Parish and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (4) One member nominated by the board of directors of the Central La. Chamber of Commerce and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (5) One member nominated by the governing board of the Rapides Regional Medical Center and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.

Proposed law reduces the membership of the board of commissioners from nine to seven and provides that the board is composed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria and confirmed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (2) One member appointed by the governing board of the Central La. Business League
- (3) One member appointed by the governing authority of Rapides Parish.
- (4) One member appointed by the board of directors of the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.
- (5) One member appointed jointly by the governing boards of the Rapides Regional Medical Center and the CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini Hospital.
- (6) One member appointed by the La. state representative representing House District 26.
- (7) One member appointed by the La. state senator who represents Senate District 29.

Present law provides that members serve four-year staggered terms and provides for the initial terms.

Proposed law provides for termination of terms of members serving on the effective date of proposed law. Proposed law provides that members serve four-year staggered terms after serving initial terms as follows: two members shall serve an initial term of four years, two shall serve three years, two shall serve two years, and one shall serve one year as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

Proposed law additionally provides that board members are eligible for reappointment and shall serve without compensation.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(1) and (3); Adds R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Replace the governing authority of the city of Alexandria as an appointing authority with the La. state senator who represents Senate District 29.