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DIGEST

SB 99 Original

2017 Regular Session

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Present law creates the St. Tammany Parish Development District and its board of commissioners. Provides that the board consists of 13 persons, including four members appointed by the St. Tammany Parish president, four members appointed by the St. Tammany Parish council, three members appointed by the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation, the St. Tammany Parish president or his designee, and the executive director of the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation.

Present law requires that the board shall meet in regular session monthly and shall also meet in special session as often as the president of the board convenes them or on the written request of four members. Provides that seven members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Present law provides for the board to elect from among its own members a president, a vice president, a secretary, an executive director, and a treasurer.

Proposed law reduces the board from 13 to 11 members and provides after January 1, 2018, for members of the board to be nominated by the existing board of commissioners and submitted to the St. Tammany Parish council for approval. Proposed law reduces the quorum of the board from seven to six.

Proposed law provides for commissioners to serve three-year terms of office except in the case of shorter initial terms. The initial terms of the commissioners are to be staggered as follows:

- (1) Four members to serve three-year terms.
- (2) Four members to serve two-year terms.
- (3) Three members to serve one-year terms.

Proposed law provides for the board to elect from among its members a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Present law authorizes the board to contract with or employ attorneys, clerks, engineers, deputy commissioners, and other agents and employees and shall fix their compensation and terms of employment. Proposed law adds an executive director, otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides for records in the custody of the district pertaining to an active negotiation with a person for the purpose of retaining, expanding, or attracting economic or business development in St. Tammany Parish are to be confidential on the same basis as such records in the

custody of the Department of Economic Development with the district's executive director performing the duties and obligations of the secretary of the Department of Economic Development and the official journal of St. Tammany Parish substituted for the official journal of the state.

Provides for the term of office for members serving on the effective date of this Act shall terminate on January 1, 2018, or upon the official appointment by the council of St. Tammany Parish of a new slate of board members, whichever is later.

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

(Amends R.S 33:130.401(A), 130.402(A), (B), (D), (E), (F) and (G), and 130.409(A); adds R.S. 33:130.409(D))