

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 242 (SB 99)

2017 Regular Session

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Prior law created the St. Tammany Parish Development District and its board of commissioners. Provided 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.

Prior law required the board to meet in regular session monthly and to meet in special session as often as the president of the board convenes them or on the written request of four members.

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

New law reduces the board from 13 to 11 members and removes prior law provision for membership. Provides for members of the board to be nominated by the existing board of commissioners and submitted to the council of St. Tammany Parish for approval.

New law removes provision that the board elect an executive director from among its own members.

New law provides for commissioners to serve three-year terms of office except in the case of shorter initial terms.

Prior law authorized 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. New law authorizes the board to contract with or employ an executive director.

New 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 Dept. of Economic Development with the district's executive director performing the duties and obligations of the secretary of the department 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 the Act shall terminate on Jan. 1, 2018, or upon the official appointment by the council of St. Tammany Parish of a new slate of board members, whichever is later.

Provides that the provisions of R.S. 33:130.402(A)(2) become effective upon signature of the governor (June 14, 2017).

Provides that the remaining provisions of new law become effective on January 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 33:130.401(A), 130.402(A), (B), (D), (E), (F) and (G), and 130.409(A) and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(20); adds R.S. 33:130.409(D))