

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 590

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

TOURISM/COMMISSION: Provides relative to the River Parishes Convention, Tourist, and Visitors District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4574.12(B)(6), (C)(1), and (D)(1)(a), relative to the River
3 Parishes Convention, Tourist, and Visitors District; to provide relative to meetings
4 and powers of the district's governing commission; to provide relative to hotel
5 occupancy taxes levied by the commission; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:4574.12(B)(6), (C)(1), and (D)(1)(a) are hereby amended and
11 reenacted to read as follows:

12 §4574.12. River Parishes Convention, Tourist, and Visitors District; commission

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14 B.

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16 (6) The commission shall meet at least once per quarter ~~but not more than~~
17 ~~once per month.~~

18 C.(1) The commission shall have the power to sue and be sued, to accept
19 grants or donations of every type, to spend money on capital improvements if
20 necessary to receive matching federal or state funds, to do all things necessary for

- (3) Prohibits the commission from exercising any function which results in competition with local retail businesses or enterprises.

Proposed law makes the following changes to the powers of the commission:

- (1) Adds the receipt of matching *state* funds as a circumstance when the commission may spend money on capital improvements.
- (2) Limits the prohibition on exercising any function which results in competition with local retail businesses or enterprises to functions which would result in *direct* competition.
- (3) Provides that the commission's power to do all things necessary to attract conventions, tourists, and visitors includes the *management* of various points of interest and adds film studios and activities and docking facilities to such points of interest.

Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 33:4574.12(B)(6), (C)(1), and (D)(1)(a))