

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 322 (HB 553)

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Existing law creates the Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state to plan and facilitate the revitalization of the residential and commercial areas within the district.

Prior law provided that the district was governed by a nine-member board of commissioners appointed as follows: one member appointed by the senator representing District No. 2, one member appointed by the state representative representing District No. 99, one member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans, one member appointed by the city council member representing Council District E, four members appointed by the Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development Foundation, and one member appointed by the Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood Council.

New law instead provides that the district is governed by an 11-member board of commissioners appointed as follows: two members appointed by the state representative for the House of Representatives district encompassing all or the greater portion of the area of the district, two members appointed by the state senator for the Senate district encompassing all or the greater portion of the area of the district, two members appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans, two members appointed by the city council member whose district encompasses all or a greater portion of the area of the district, one member appointed by the governing board of the Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Assoc., and two members appointed by the Table Connect Group.

Existing law requires each board member to be a qualified voter of Orleans Parish. Provides that board members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Prior law required each board member to have his principal place of business or profession in, or own property in, the district. Prior law further provided that board members served two-year terms.

New law removes prior law and requires each board member to be a resident of Orleans Parish. New law provides that the terms of the board members in office on the effective date of new law terminate on that date.

Existing law requires the board to prepare a development plan or plans specifying the public improvements, facilities, and services proposed to be furnished, constructed, or acquired for the district. Prior law authorized the board to conduct hearings, publish notices, and disseminate information with respect to the development plan. New law makes these actions mandatory.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.54(B)(1), (2), and (3) and (D)(1))