

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVE ANDERS

DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVEL: Provides relative to the Concordia Economic and Industrial Development District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:130.471(A) and 130.472(A), (B), (C), (H), and (I), relative  
3 to the Concordia Economic and Industrial Development District; to provide relative  
4 to the board of commissioners of the district; to provide relative to board  
5 membership and appointments; to provide relative to the terms and powers and  
6 duties of board members; and to provide for related matters.

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

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 33:130.471(A) and 130.472(A), (B), (C), (H), and (I) are hereby  
12 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §130.471. Concordia Economic and Industrial Development District; creation;  
14 territorial jurisdiction

15 A. The Concordia Economic and Industrial Development District,  
16 ~~hereinafter~~ referred to in this Subpart as the "district", is hereby created and is  
17 declared to be a body politic and political subdivision of the state, as defined in  
18 Article VI, Section 44 of the Constitution of Louisiana. Pursuant to Article VI,  
19 Sections 19 and 21 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the district, acting through its  
20 board of commissioners, ~~hereinafter~~ referred to in this Subpart as the "board", ~~the~~

1 ~~governing authority of said district~~, is hereby granted all of the rights, powers,  
2 privileges, and immunities granted to political subdivisions for economic and  
3 industrial development purposes, including but not limited to the power of taxation,  
4 the power to incur debt and issue revenue and general obligation bonds, certificates  
5 of indebtedness, bond and certificate anticipation notes, and refunding bonds, subject  
6 to the limitations hereinafter provided.

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8 §130.472. Board of commissioners; members; officers; agents; employees

9 A. The district shall be governed by a board ~~of commissioners~~ consisting of  
10 ~~seven~~ eight members as follows:

- 11 (1) The mayor of the town of Clayton.
- 12 (2) The mayor of the town of Ferriday.
- 13 (3) The mayor of the town of Ridgecrest.
- 14 (4) The mayor of the town of Vidalia.
- 15 (5) The president of the Concordia Parish Police Jury.

16 (6) Three at-large members appointed by the ~~governing authority of~~  
17 Concordia Parish Police Jury, one of whom shall be a resident of Ward 5 from the  
18 unincorporated area of Monterey.

19 B.(1) In the event that any of the mayors of the towns of Clayton, Ferriday,  
20 Ridgecrest, or Vidalia are unable to serve on the ~~commission board~~, the governing  
21 authority of the respective municipality shall appoint a ~~designee to serve as a~~  
22 member ~~of~~ to the board ~~of commissioners~~.

23 (2) In the event that the president of the Concordia Parish Police Jury is  
24 unable to serve on the board, the Concordia Parish Police Jury shall appoint a  
25 member to the board.

26 C.(1) The term of office for the members appointed by the ~~parish governing~~  
27 ~~authority~~ Concordia Parish Police Jury shall be for four years.

28 (2) The mayors, or any member appointed by a municipal governing  
29 authority to serve in place of a mayor, shall serve during the term of the mayor.

1           (3) The president of the Concordia Parish Police Jury, or any member  
2           appointed by the police jury to serve in place of the president, shall serve during the  
3           term of the president.

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5           H. The board shall elect from among its ~~own~~ members a president, a vice  
6           president, a secretary, and a treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such  
7           offices. At the option of the board ~~of commissioners~~, the offices of secretary and  
8           treasurer may be held by one person.

9           I.(1) The board shall meet in regular session once each month and shall also  
10          meet in special session as often as the president of the board convenes them or on the  
11          written request of four members. In the event that a board member is unable to  
12          attend a regular or special session, the board member may appoint a designee to  
13          attend any such regular or special session. The designee shall have full voting rights  
14          on any matters before the board.

15          (2) Four Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

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17          Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
18          signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
19          by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
20          vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
21          effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to the Concordia Economic and Industrial Development District, provides relative to the membership and appointment of members of the board of commissioners. Provides relative to the terms and powers and duties of board members.

Present law creates and provides for the Concordia Parish Economic and Industrial District

as a political subdivision of the state for the primary object and purpose of promoting and encouraging economic and industrial development and tourism opportunities, stimulating the economy through renewed commerce, industry, research, and tourism, and for the utilization and development of natural and human resources of the area by providing job opportunities. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the district shall be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of seven members as follows:

- (1) The mayor of the town of Clayton.
- (2) The mayor of the town of Ferriday.
- (3) The mayor of the town of Ridgecrest.
- (4) The mayor of the town of Vidalia.
- (5) Three at-large members appointed by the governing authority of Concordia Parish, one of whom shall be a resident of Ward 5 from the unincorporated area of Monterey.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the president of the Concordia Parish Police Jury to the board membership. Requires the Concordia Parish Police Jury to appoint a member of the board in the event that the president of the police jury is unable to serve. Provides that the president or any member appointed by the police jury to serve in place of the president shall serve during the term of the president.

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

Proposed law retains present law and additionally authorizes a board member to appoint a designee to attend any regular or special session that the board member is unable to attend. Grants full voting rights to any such designee.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:130.471(A) and 130.472(A), (B), (C), (H), and (I))