

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 288

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

DISTRICTS/FIRE PROTECT: Provides for the board of commissioners of the Ward 5 Fire Protection District of the Parish of Evangeline

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1496(B)(5)(c), relative to the Ward 5 Fire Protection District of the Parish  
3 of Evangeline; to provide for membership on its board of commissioners; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1496(B)(5)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1496. Appointment of members of board; term; vacancies

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12 B. In the case of a district comprising all or part of a single parish, members  
13 shall be appointed as follows:

14 \* \* \*

15 (5)

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17 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Part or any other law to the  
18 contrary, the board of commissioners of Ward 5 Fire Protection District of the Parish  
19 of Evangeline may consist of seven members. The parish governing authority shall  
20 appoint the additional members of the board.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for changes to the board of commissioners of Ward 5 Fire Protection District of the Parish of Evangeline.

Present law provides for the appointment of members to the boards of commissioners of fire protection districts. Generally provides that the board of commissioners shall consist of five members; provides exceptions.

Present law provides that, in the case where one municipality is included within the boundaries of a district lying within a single parish, members shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) Two members shall be appointed by the parish governing authority.
- (2) Two members shall be appointed by the governing authority of the municipality.
- (3) One shall be selected by the other four members and shall serve as chairman of the board.

Proposed law provides an exception for Ward 5 Fire Protection District of the Parish of Evangeline. Provides that the board of commissioners may consist of seven members. Further provides that the governing authority of the parish shall appoint the additional members of the board.

(Adds R.S. 40:1496(B)(5)(c))