

SENATE BILL NO. 209

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4562.3 (C), (E), and (F), to enact R.S. 33:4562.3(H), and to repeal R.S. 33:4562.4, relative to the Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District; to provide for a board of commissioners; to provide for the appointments of the commissioners; to provide for duties of the board of commissioners; to provide for the allocation of revenue; to authorize advisory committees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4562.3 (C), (E), and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:4562.3(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4562.3. Evangeline-Ville Platte Recreation District; creation; boundaries; objects and purposes; governing authority; powers

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C. The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners, composed of ~~eleven~~ **nine** members who shall be qualified voters and residents of the area contained in the district. The members of the board, who shall serve one-year terms, shall be appointed as follows:

(1) ~~Seven members shall be appointed by the governing authority of Evangeline Parish.~~ **Three members shall be appointed by the governing authority of the parish in which the district is located.**

(2) ~~Three members shall be appointed by the board of aldermen of the city of Ville Platte with the concurrence of the mayor.~~ **Three members shall be appointed by the board of aldermen of the most populous municipality located**

1 in the parish according to the latest federal decennial census, with the
 2 concurrence of the mayor of the municipality.

3 (3) ~~One member shall be appointed jointly by the members of the legislature~~
 4 ~~who represent the representative or senatorial district or districts in which the district~~
 5 ~~is located.~~ **Three members shall be appointed jointly by the members of the**
 6 **legislature who represent the representative or senatorial district or districts in**
 7 **which the district is located.**

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9 E. Members of the board of commissioners shall receive no compensation,
 10 but may be reimbursed reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties for
 11 the benefit of the district. The governing authority for the parish may promulgate
 12 rules establishing the expenses that will be reimbursed. **However, the secretary**
 13 **and treasurer of the board of commissioners may receive compensation for**
 14 **their services.**

15 F. For the first thirty-six months of operation, all revenue generated by the
 16 assets of the district shall be dedicated to the operation and maintenance of,
 17 equipment for, and improvements to the district. **Thereafter, revenue generated**
 18 **by the assets of the district may be allocated to the promotion or sponsorship of**
 19 **athletic and health-related activities in the district in addition to other matters**
 20 **provided by law.**

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22 **H. The board of commissioners of the district may create an advisory**
 23 **committee composed of the presidents, or their designees, of the various sports**
 24 **leagues formally organized and located within the district. The purpose of the**
 25 **advisory committee shall be to make recommendations to the board regarding**
 26 **recreational programming and enrichment activities in the district.**

27 Section 2. R.S. 33:4562.4 is hereby repealed.

28 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 30 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____