

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 414

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

DISTRICTS/DOWNTOWN DEVEL: Provides relative to the Downtown Development District of the city of Minden

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.24(C)(1) and (2), (D), and (E), relative to the
3 Downtown Development District of the city of Minden; to provide with respect to
4 the membership of the governing commission of the district; to provide relative to
5 governance of the district, including the power of the mayor of Minden with respect
6 to the activities of the district; 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. 33:2740.24(C)(1) and (2), (D), and (E) are hereby amended and
12 reenacted to read as follows:

13 §2740.24. Minden Downtown Development District; commission; powers

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15 C.(1) The district shall be governed by a commission, which is hereby
16 designated as the Downtown Development District Commission. The commission
17 shall be composed of seven members, all of whom shall be qualified voters of the
18 city of Minden, ~~and shall have their principal place of business or profession in, or~~
19 ~~own property in, the Downtown Development District~~ or hold a majority interest in
20 a business or property located in the district. The seven members shall be appointed

1 by the mayor of the city of Minden ~~with~~ upon the approval of the city council as
2 follows: with due consideration being given to the needs and desires of the
3 commission. The commission shall appoint subcommittees, for various needs and
4 events, with no limitations on residency.

5 (a) ~~Two members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by~~
6 ~~the Minden Chamber of Commerce.~~

7 (b) ~~Two members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by~~
8 ~~the Retail Merchants Association of the city of Minden.~~

9 (c) ~~Two members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by~~
10 ~~the Minden Historic District Commission.~~

11 (d) ~~One member shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the~~
12 ~~Minden NAACP.~~

13 (2) In addition, the mayor of the city of Minden and the ~~project manager~~
14 director shall be nonvoting ex officio members of the commission.

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16 D. The commission shall elect a chairman, vice chairman, and a
17 secretary-treasurer from among its members. The terms of the officers shall be one
18 year, but any officer shall be eligible for reelection. The commission shall adopt such
19 rules for the transaction of its business as it deems necessary and shall keep a record
20 of its resolutions, transactions, studies, findings, and determinations, which record
21 shall be public record. The mayor's office shall be provided with a copy of all such
22 transactions and records.

23 E. The ~~commission~~ mayor, with council approval, shall be empowered to
24 employ a ~~manager~~ director and such other employees as are necessary to carry out
25 the functions of the commission. It shall be the function and duty of the commission
26 and director to formulate the program to implement the various development plans
27 of Minden Main Street Project heretofore or hereafter submitted, upon approval of
28 the mayor of the city of Minden, and it shall revise or amend its decisions from time
29 to time as it sees fit with the approval of the mayor of the city of Minden. Such a

1 program shall implement the various plans with the responsibility of aiding and
 2 encouraging private development. A copy of such plans shall be submitted to the
 3 mayor's office by the director for review and approval. In carrying out such
 4 programs, the commission may consult with all departments of the city of Minden
 5 and such other public agencies as are concerned with matters affecting or affected
 6 by the program. The commission may conduct studies and based thereon may make
 7 such recommendations as it determines are calculated to implement the intent and
 8 purposes of this Section. The Downtown Development District ~~manager~~ director
 9 shall also serve and function as the manager of the Minden Main Street Project.

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11 Section 2. The terms of the members of the governing commission of the Downtown
 12 Development District of the city of Minden in office on the effective date of this Act shall
 13 terminate on the effective date of this Act. The successors of such members shall be
 14 appointed for initial terms as provided in R.S. 33:2740.24(C)(3)(a) and otherwise serve as
 15 provided by R.S. 33:2740.24 as amended by this Act.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the Downtown Development District of the city of Minden.

Present law provides for the creation of the Downtown Development District of the city of Minden. Further provides relative to the purpose, boundaries, and governance of the district.

Present law requires that the district be governed by the Downtown Development District Commission composed of seven members, all of whom shall be qualified voters of the city of Minden and have their principal place of business or profession in, or own property in, the district. Proposed law removes requirement that members have their principal place of business or profession in, or own property in, the district. Also adds requirement that members hold a majority interest in a business or property located in the district if they are not qualified voters of the city of Minden.

Present law provides that the seven members are appointed by the mayor of the city of Minden with the approval of the city council. Proposed law adds provision that requires the city council to give due consideration to the needs and desires of the commission during the approval process. Also adds requirement that the commission appoint subcommittees, for various needs and events, with no limitations on residency.

Present law requires that the members of the commission be nominated as follows:

- (1) Two members by the Minden Chamber of Commerce.
- (2) Two members by the Retail Merchants Assoc. of the city of Minden.
- (3) Two members by the Minden Historic District Commission.
- (4) One member by the Minden NAACP.

Proposed law removes requirements for nominations.

Present law provides that the mayor of the city of Minden and the project manager are nonvoting ex officio members of the commission. Proposed law replaces project manager with director; otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires that the commission keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, studies, findings, and determinations. Proposed law adds requirement that the mayor's office be provided with a copy of all such transactions and records; otherwise retains present law.

Present law authorizes the commission to employ a manager and such other employees as are necessary to carry out the functions of the commission. Proposed law authorizes the mayor, with council approval, rather than the commission, to employ a director and such other employees.

Present law requires the commission to formulate the program to implement development plans of Minden Main Street Project. Proposed law requires that the mayor receive a copy of all plans for his review and approval.

Proposed law provides for termination of terms of members of the commission serving on the effective date of proposed law and appointment of members in accordance with present law and proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.24(C)(1) and (2), (D), and (E))