
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))