

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 546

BY SENATOR ERDEY

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides relative to terms of the members of the board of commissioners of mosquito abatement districts. (8/1/18)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:7723, relative to mosquito abatement districts; to provide for terms of members of the board of commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:7723 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§7723. Board of commissioners; membership; qualifications and terms

A. When any such district is created, the parish governing authority creating it shall appoint a board of commissioners, composed of five members, to govern its affairs, and shall fix the domicile of the board at any point within the parish. The members of the board shall be qualified electors of the district, two of whom shall be appointed for terms of two years and three for terms of three years, dating from the date of the adoption of the ordinance creating the district. Thereafter, all appointments of the members shall be for terms of three years. Such boards shall serve without compensation, but the members shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their official duties.

B. Notwithstanding Subsection A of this Section, the term of members appointed to the commission after the initial appointments may be up to five

1 **years as established by home rule charter or parish ordinance. If so authorized**
2 **and the term is longer than the term of a member serving on January 1, 2018,**
3 **the additional period of the longer term may be applied to consecutive terms of**
4 **the member, as determined by the governing authority.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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Present law, relative to mosquito abatement districts, requires that when a district is created by a parish governing authority, the governing authority appoint a board of commissioners, composed of five members, to govern its affairs, and fix the domicile of the board at any point within the parish. Requires that the board members be qualified electors of the district, two of whom shall be appointed for terms of two years and three for terms of three years, dating from the date of the adoption of the ordinance creating the district. Requires that thereafter, all appointments be for terms of three years. Requires that the boards serve without compensation, but members shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their official duties.

Proposed law, provides that notwithstanding present law, the term of board members, after initial appointments, may be up to five years as established by home rule charter or parish ordinance. Provides that if so authorized and the term is longer than the term of a member serving on January 1, 2018, the additional period of the longer term may be applied to consecutive terms of the member, as determined by the governing authority.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 33:7723)