2019 Regular Session

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HOUSE BILL NO. 553

BY REPRESENTATIVES JIMMY HARRIS AND BOUIE

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.54(B)(1), (2), and (3) and (D)(1), relative to the Lower
3	Ninth Ward Economic Development District in Orleans Parish; to provide relative
4	to the governing board of the district; to change the membership of the board and the
5	qualifications of board members; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the
6	board; 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.
0	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
1	Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.54(B)(1), (2), and (3) and (D)(1) are hereby amended and
12	reenacted to read as follows:
13	§2740.54. Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District
14	* * *
15	B.(1) The district shall be governed by a nine-member an eleven-member
16	board of commissioners. The members shall be appointed as follows:
17	(a) One member of the board shall be appointed by the senator representing
18	the second senatorial district.
19	(b) One member of the board shall be appointed by the state representative
20	representing the ninety-ninth representative district.
21	(c) One member of the board shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of
22	New Orleans.
23	(d) One member of the board shall be appointed by the New Orleans city
24	council member representing Council District E.

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1	(e) Four members of the board shall be appointed by the Lower Ninth Ward
2	Economic Development Foundation.
3	(f) One member shall be appointed by the Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood
4	Council.
5	(a) The state representative for the House of Representatives district which
6	encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint two
7	members.
8	(b) The state senator for the Senate district encompassing all or the greater
9	portion of the area of the district shall appoint two members.
10	(c) The mayor of the city of New Orleans shall appoint two members.
1	(d) The city council member whose district encompasses all or a greater
12	portion of the area of the district shall appoint two members.
13	(e) The governing board of the Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Association
14	shall appoint one member.
15	(f) The Table Connect Group shall appoint two members.
16	(2) Each commissioner member shall be a resident and qualified voter of
17	Orleans Parish and shall have their principal place of business or profession in, or
18	own property in, the district.
19	(3) Except for initial terms, a commissioner's term shall be two years and
20	serve at the pleasure of the elected official, foundation, or council that appointed
21	them Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.
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23	D.(1) The board shall prepare or cause to be prepared a plan or plans,
24	hereafter in this Section referred to in this Section as a "development plan",
25	specifying the public improvements, facilities, and services proposed to be furnished,
26	constructed, or acquired for the district. The board may shall conduct hearings,
27	publish notice, and disseminate information with respect to the development plan.
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29	Section 2. The terms of the members of the board of commissioners of the Lower
30	Ninth Ward Economic Development District in office on the effective date of this Act

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