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Abstract: Provides relative to the Red River parish Tourism Commission.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of any parish to form and create a tourist commission.

<u>Present law</u> generally provides that each tourist commission shall be governed by a board of seven directors to be appointed by the governing authority of the parish creating the commission. Provides that appointments shall be made from lists of nominees submitted to the governing authority by private, nonprofit groups that have an interest in one or more aspects of the tourism industry. Provides that members shall serve three-year terms. Provides exceptions.

<u>Present law</u> provides an exception for the Red River Tourism Commission. Provides that the commission shall be governed by a board of 11 directors appointed by the governing authority of Red River Parish. Provides that members shall serve three-year staggered terms and are eligible for reappointment.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes total number of commission members from 11 to 7. Otherwise retains present law.

Provides that terms of office of board members currently serving are terminated on the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>. Further provides that initial terms of new members shall be as provided by proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 33:4574(F)(5))