HLS 24RS-868 REENGROSSED

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 575

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BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

DISTRICTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Provides relative to the membership of the Orleans Parish Communications District

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact Section 4(A) and (D) of Act No. 155 of the 1982 Regular Session of
3	the Legislature, relative to the Orleans Parish Communications District; to provide
4	relative to the district's board of commissioners; to provide relative to the executive
5	director; and to provide for related matters.
6	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7	as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8	Louisiana.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. Section 4(A) and (D) of Act No. 155 of the 1982 Regular Session of the
11	Legislature is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
12	Section 4. Creation of district; jurisdiction; board of commissioners; powers
13	A.(1) The Orleans Parish Communication District, comprised of the parish
14	of Orleans, is hereby created with territorial jurisdiction extending throughout the
15	parish of Orleans. Its governing authority shall be a seven-member board of
16	commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "commission."
17	(2) The commission shall be composed of:
18	(a) the The Troop B Commander of the Louisiana State Police,.
19	superintendent of state police.

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1	(b) the The Commandant of the Louisiana Army National Guard (Jackson
2	Barracks Unit), .
3	(c) the The Superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department, .
4	(d) the The Superintendent of the New Orleans Fire Department; .
5	(e) the The Director of the New Orleans Health Department, .
6	(f) the The Director of the Office of Civil Defense for the City of New
7	Orleans <u>-</u>
8	the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Charity Hospital in New Orleans, and
9	two at large members to be appointed by the mayor if needed to assure minority
10	representation
11	(g) Four members appointed by the president of the city council with the
12	advice and consent of the council.
13	(h) The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.
14	(i) The president of the Louisiana Senate.
15	(3) Each member except those appointed pursuant to Subparagraph (2)(g)
16	of this Subsection may appoint and designate a person to serve in his stead as
17	member of the commission, which appointment shall not preclude the appointing
18	member from serving as a member in person, instead of through a person so
19	appointed. After a person has been so appointed, the appointment may not be
20	revoked or changed until the appointing member has given the commission notice
21	of his intention to revoke or change the appointment by deposit of such notice by
22	certified mail in the United States mail system, at least ninety days prior to the
23	effectiveness of the revocation or change of appointment. The commission may by
24	a majority vote increase the membership fo the commission by adding additional
25	agencies.
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27	D. The commission shall have authority to employ such employees, experts,
28	and consultants as it may deem necessary to assist the commission in the discharge
29	of its responsibilities to the extent that funds are made available. The appointment

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of an executive director is subject to city council confirmation. The commission

shall submit its annual budget to the New Orleans City Council for its approval.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the board of commissioners and the executive director of the Orleans Parish Communications District.

<u>Present law</u> creates the Orleans Parish Communications District to operate 911 emergency service in the district. Provides that the district is governed by a board of commissioners.

<u>Present law</u>, retained by <u>proposed law</u>, includes the following among the members of the board of commissioners:

- (1) The commandant of the La. Army National Guard (Jackson Barracks Unit).
- (2) The superintendent of the New Orleans Police Dept.
- (3) The superintendent of the New Orleans Fire Dept.
- (4) The director of the New Orleans Health Dept.
- (5) The director of the Office of Civil Defense for the City of New Orleans.

<u>Proposed law</u> replaces the Troop B commander of the La. State Police with the superintendent of state police.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes from the board assistant secretary of the Office of Charity Hospital in New Orleans and two members appointed by the mayor if needed to assure minority representation.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes each ex officio member to appoint and designate a person to serve in his stead.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds to the board four members appointed by the president of the city council with the advice and consent of the council, the speaker of the La. House of Representatives and the president of the La. Senate.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the commission to employ employees, experts, and consultants as it deems necessary to assist the commission in the discharge of its responsibilities to the extent that funds are made available.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the appointment of an executive director is subject to city council confirmation.

(Amends Act No. 155 of 1982 R.S., §4(A) and (D))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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## The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make additional change to board membership, replacing the Troop B commander of the La. State Police with the superintendent of state police.