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DIGEST

SB 176 Engrossed

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Proposed law authorizes the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Council (BRMC) to form a special purpose airport authority known as the "Baton Rouge Regional Airport Authority".

Proposed law provides for definitions.

Proposed law provides requirements for the airport authority including adhering to open meetings laws, public records laws, and passage of a resolution by the BRMC.

Proposed law provides requirements for the airport authority's board of commissioners and articles of incorporation. Proposed law further provides for the requirements of the members of the board and the provisions necessary to be included in the articles of incorporation.

Proposed law provides for meetings of the board, special meetings, and audit committees made up of board members of the airport authority.

Proposed law provides for the appointment and qualifications of a chief executive officer and a chief financial officer of the airport authority. Proposed law further provides for the duties and responsibilities of the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer.

Proposed law provides for procurement policies consistent with the FAA, liability procedures, and the ability to purchase insurance policies to cover members of the board, officers, appointees, and employees of the airport authority.

Proposed law provides for legal rights and obligations of the airport authority and the airport authority's ability to accept the transfer of operational jurisdiction of other publicly owned airports, in and outside of the local government.

Proposed law provides for employees transferring to the regional airport authority, the employees' pension plans, benefits, and collective bargaining agreements pursuant to Louisiana law. Proposed law further provides for the Airport Authority's ability to provide and establish retirement plans and the employees' ability to take advantage of city or parish retirement plans, or retirement plans established by the authority.

Present law provides for the Baton Rouge Airport District and the board of commissioners.

Proposed law provides legislative members of certain legislative districts shall be removed from the

commission by December 31, 2027.

Proposed law provides the Baton Rouge Regional Airport Authority shall not be an entity unless and until certain provisions are met including the adoption of a resolution by the BRMC and the approval of the transfer of the operating certificate by the FAA.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends Paragraph (C)(1) of Section 3 of Act No. 151 of 1969 R.S., as amended by Act No. 804 of 1982 R.S., Act No. 551 of 1984 R.S., and Act No. 91 of 1995 R.S. and R.S. 11:2213(12); adds R.S. 2:701-714, R.S. 11:2213(11)(k), 2214(A)(2)(f), and 2225.4(A)(2)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill

1. Adds clarifying language regarding retirement.
2. Makes technical changes.