

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 212

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVEL: Creates the Delmont Economic Development District in East Baton Rouge Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:9038.82, relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to create the Delmont  
3 Economic Development District; to provide relative to the boundaries, purpose,  
4 governance, and powers and duties of the district; to provide for district funding; and  
5 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. R.S. 33:9038.82 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §9038.82. Delmont Economic Development District

12 A. There is hereby created within the parish of East Baton Rouge, as more  
13 specifically provided in Subsection B of this Section, a body politic and corporate  
14 which shall be known as the Delmont Economic Development District, referred to  
15 in this Section as the "district". The district shall be a political subdivision of the  
16 state as defined in the Constitution of Louisiana.

17 B. Commencing at the intersection of the westerly right-of-way line of Plank  
18 Road and the northerly right-of-way line of Evangeline Street common with  
19 southeasterly corner of Lot 18-A, Block 16, Delmont Place Subdivision, said corner  
20 being Point of Beginning; thence westerly along the northerly right-of-way line of

1        Evangeline Street to the southwesterly corner of Lot 18-A, Block 16, Delmont Place  
2        Subdivision; thence northerly departing the northerly right-of-way line of Evangeline  
3        Street along the westerly property line of said Lot-18-A to the northwesterly corner  
4        of said Lot 18-A common with southwesterly corner of Lot 18-B, Block 16, Delmont  
5        Place Subdivision; thence northerly along the westerly property line of said 18-B to  
6        the southerly right-of-way line of Byron Street common with the northwesterly  
7        corner of said Lot 18-A; thence easterly along the southerly right-of-way line of  
8        Byron Street to a point and corner opposite the southwesterly corner of Lot 26,  
9        Block15, Delmont Place Subdivision; thence northerly to the northerly right-of-way  
10       line of Byron Street common with the southwesterly corner of Lot 26, block 15,  
11       Delmont Place Subdivision; thence departing said right-of-way along the westerly  
12       property line of said Lot 26 to the northwesterly corner of said Lot 26 common with  
13       the southwestern corner of Lot 18, Block 15, Delmont Place Subdivision; thence  
14       easterly along the northerly property line of said Lot 26 to the southwesterly corner  
15       of Lot 22, Block 15; thence northerly along the westerly property lines of Lots 22,  
16       21 and 20, Block 15, to the southerly right-of-way line of Sycamore Street common  
17       with the northwesterly corner of said Lot 20, Block 15; thence northerly to the  
18       northerly right-of-way line of Sycamore Street common with the southwesterly  
19       corner of Lot 26, Block14, Delmont Place Subdivision; thence northerly along the  
20       westerly property line of said Lot 26 to the northwesterly corner of said Lot 26  
21       common with the southwesterly corner of Lot 18, Block 14 and Lot 17, Block 14,  
22       and the northeasterly corner Lot 27, Block 14, Delmont Place Subdivision; thence  
23       westerly along the northerly property lines of Lots 27 through 34, Block 14, Delmont  
24       Place Subdivision to a point and corner being the northwesterly corner of said Lot  
25       34; thence southerly along the westerly property line of said Lot 34 to a point and  
26       corner being the northeasterly corner of Lot 35, Block 14, Delmont Place  
27       Subdivision; thence westerly along the northerly property lines of Lots 35 through  
28       38, Block 14, Delmont Place Subdivision to a point and corner being the  
29       northwesterly corner of said Lot 38 common with the easterly property line of Lot

1       39, Block 14, Delmont Place Subdivision; thence northerly along the easterly  
2       property line of said Lot 39 to a point and corner being the northeasterly corner of  
3       said Lot 39; thence westerly along the northerly property lines of Lots 39 through 42,  
4       Block 14, Delmont Place Subdivision to a point and corner being the northwesterly  
5       corner of said Lot 42 common the easterly right-of-way line of Longfellow Drive;  
6       thence northeasterly along the eastern right-of-way line of Longfellow Drive to a  
7       point and corner common with the northerly right-of-way line of Kelvin Street and  
8       the southwesterly corner of Lot 8-A Delmont Place Subdivision, Block 11; thence  
9       easterly along said right-of-way line of Kelvin Street to a point and corner being the  
10       southeasterly corner of Lot 8-A, Block 11, Delmont Place Subdivision; thence  
11       northerly departing said right-of-way along the easterly property line of said Lot 8-A  
12       to a point and corner being the northeasterly of said Lot 8-A being common with the  
13       southerly right-of-way line of Riley Street; thence easterly along the said  
14       right-of-way line of Riley Street to a point and corner being opposite the  
15       southwesterly corner of Lot 7-A, Block 10, Delmont Place Subdivision; thence  
16       departing the southerly right-of-way line of Riley Street northerly to the  
17       southwesterly corner of Lot 7-A, Block 10, Delmont Place Subdivision, common  
18       with the northerly right-of-way line of Riley Street; thence departing said  
19       right-of-way northerly along the westerly property line of Lot 7-A, Delmont Place  
20       Subdivision to a point and corner being the northwesterly corner of said Lot 7-A;  
21       thence easterly along the northerly property line of said Lot 7-A to a point and corner  
22       being the southwesterly corner of Lot 21, Block 10, Delmont Place Subdivision;  
23       thence northerly along the westerly property line of said Lot 21, Block 10 to a point  
24       and corner being the southwesterly corner of Lot 19, Block 17, Hollywood  
25       Subdivision' thence easterly along the southerly property line of said Lot 19, Block  
26       17, Hollywood Subdivision to a point and corner being the southeasterly corner of  
27       said Lot 19, common with the southwesterly corner of Lot 22, Block 17 Hollywood  
28       Subdivision; thence northerly along the westerly property lines of Lots 22, 21 and  
29       20, Block 17, Hollywood Subdivision to a point and corner being the northwesterly

1 corner of Lot 20, Block 17, Hollywood Subdivision being common with the  
2 southerly right-of-way line of Hollywood Street; thence departing said right-of-way  
3 of Hollywood Street northerly to a point and corner being the southwesterly corner  
4 of Lot 28, Block 18, Hollywood Subdivision, being common with the northerly  
5 right-of-way line of Hollywood Street; thence northerly along the westerly property  
6 line of Lots 28 and 27, Block 18, Hollywood Subdivision to the southerly property  
7 line of Lot 26, Block 18, Hollywood Subdivision, common with the a northwesterly  
8 corner of said Lot 27; thence westerly along the southerly property line of said Lot  
9 26, to a point and corner being the southwesterly corner of said Lot 26; thence  
10 northerly to the northwesterly corner of said Lot 26, common with the southerly  
11 property line of Village Park Subdivision; thence easterly along the southerly  
12 property line of Village Park Subdivision to the southwesterly corner of Lot 2,  
13 Village Park Subdivision; thence northerly to the southerly right-of-way line of  
14 Amarillo Street common with the northwestern corner of Lot 2, Village Park  
15 Subdivision; thence easterly continuing along the southerly right-of-way line of  
16 Amarillo Street to the northeasterly corner of Lot 2, Village Park Subdivision; thence  
17 northerly to the northerly right-of-way line of Amarillo Street common with  
18 southwesterly corner of Lot 10, Village Park Subdivision; thence northerly along the  
19 westerly property lines of Lots 10 and 13, Village Park Subdivision to the southerly  
20 right-of-way line Vaughn Drive common with the northwesterly corner of Lot 13,  
21 Village Park Subdivision; thence northerly to the northerly right-of-way line of  
22 Vaughn Drive common with the southwesterly corner of Lot 22 Village Park  
23 Subdivision and the southeasterly corner of Lot 21, Village Park Subdivision; thence  
24 continuing westerly along the northerly right-of-way line of Vaughn Drive to the  
25 southwesterly corner of Lot 21; thence northerly along the westerly property line of  
26 Lot 21 to the northwesterly corner of Lot 21, Village Park Subdivision; thence  
27 easterly along the northerly property lines of Lots 21 and 22, Village Park  
28 Subdivision; thence northerly along the easterly property line of Lot 25, Village Park  
29 Subdivision to the southerly right-of-way line of Greenwell Street common with the

1 northeasterly corner of Lot 25, Village Park Subdivision; thence northeasterly to the  
2 westerly right-of-way line of Plank Road common with the northerly right-of-way  
3 line of Monte Sano Bayou; thence northeasterly along the westerly right-of-way line  
4 of Plank Road to the southerly right-of-way line of J.H. Cooney Drive; thence  
5 westerly along the southerly right-of-way line of J.H. Cooney Drive to a corner  
6 opposite the southwesterly corner of Tract Y-1-A-2 of the J.H. Cooney Property;  
7 thence northerly along the westerly property line of said Tract Y-1-A-2 to the  
8 northwesterly corner of said Tract Y-1-A-2 common to the southwesterly corner of  
9 Tract Y-1-A-1-B of the J.H. Cooney Property; thence northerly along the westerly  
10 property line of said Tract Y-1-A-1-B to the northwesterly corner of said Tract  
11 Y-1-A-1-B; thence easterly along the northerly property line of said Tract Y-1-A-1-B  
12 to the northeasterly corner of said Tract common with the northwesterly corner of  
13 Tract "X" of the J.H. Cooney Tract; thence easterly along the northerly property line  
14 of said Tract "X" to the westerly right-of-way line of Plank Road common with the  
15 northeasterly corner of Tract "X" of the J.H Cooney Property; thence northerly along  
16 the westerly right-of-way line of Plank Road to the southeasterly corner of an  
17 unnumbered 0.79 acre lot of the Original W.P. Denham Tract common with the  
18 northerly right-of-way line of Cannon Street; thence departing the right-of-way line  
19 of Plank Road westerly along the northerly right-of-way line of Cannon Street to the  
20 southwesterly corner of said 0.79 acre lot; thence departing said right-of-way of  
21 Cannon Street northerly to the northwesterly to the southerly right-of-way line of  
22 Vergie Street common with the northwesterly corner of said 0.79 acre lot; thence  
23 departing said right-of-way northerly to the southerly right-of-way line of Vergie  
24 Street; thence easterly along said right-of-way to the southwesterly corner of Lot 6  
25 of the W.P. Denham Tract; thence departing said right-of-way line of Vergie Street  
26 along the westerly property line of Lots 6 thru 1, common with the southerly  
27 right-of-way line of Harriet Street; thence departing said right-of-way northerly to  
28 the northerly right-of-way line of Harriet Street, common with the southwesterly  
29 corner of Lot 3, Joseph Digirolamo Property; thence departing said right-of-way

1 northerly along the westerly property line of Lots 3 thru 1 of the Joseph Digirolamo  
2 Property to the northwesterly corner of Lot 1; thence easterly to the westerly  
3 right-of- line way line of Plank Road common with the northeasterly corner of said  
4 Lot 1; thence departing said right-of-way easterly to the easterly right-of-way line  
5 of Plank Road; thence northeasterly to the northeasterly corner of Tract A-1 of the  
6 Denham Tract common with said right-of-way; thence departing said right-of-way  
7 southerly to the southeasterly corner of said Tract A-1 common with the  
8 northeasterly corner of Tract B-1 of the Denham Tract; thence southerly along the  
9 easterly property line of said Tract B-1 to the northerly right-of-way line of Dawson  
10 Drive, common with the southeasterly corner of said Tract B-1; thence westerly  
11 along the northerly right-of-way line of Dawson Drive to a point and corner opposite  
12 the northeasterly corner of Lot 2-B-2, Denham Place common with the southerly  
13 right-of-way line of Dawson Drive; thence southerly to the southerly right-of-way  
14 line of Dawson Drive common with the northeasterly corner of said Lot 2-B-2;  
15 thence departing said right-of-way line of Dawson Drive southerly along the easterly  
16 property line of Lot 2-B-2 to the southeasterly corner of Lot 2-B-2, Denham Place;  
17 thence easterly along the northerly property line of Lot 4-A being a portion of  
18 Denham Place and Fairview Place to the northeasterly corner of said Lot 4-A; thence  
19 southerly along the easterly property line of said Lot 4-A to the northerly  
20 right-of-way line of Cannon Street common with the southeasterly corner of said Lot  
21 4-A; thence westerly along said right-of-way to a point and corner common to said  
22 right-of-way opposite the northeasterly corner of Lot 3, Langlois Place; thence  
23 departing said right-of-way southerly to the southerly right-of-way line of Cannon  
24 Street common with the northeasterly corner of Lot 3 Langlois Place; thence  
25 departing said right-of-way southerly along the easterly property line of Lots 3 thru  
26 1, Langlois Place to the southeasterly corner of Lot 1, Langlois Place; thence easterly  
27 to the northeasterly corner of Lot 5-A, Denham Tract; thence southerly to the  
28 southeasterly corner of said Lot 5-A; thence westerly to the northeasterly corner of  
29 Lot Y, Denham Tract; thence southerly to the northerly right-of-way line of Denham

1        Street, common with the southeasterly corner of said Lot "Y"; thence westerly along  
2        said right-of-way to a point and corner common to said right-of-way opposite the  
3        northeasterly corner of Lot "A" Denham Tract; thence departing the northerly  
4        right-of-way line of Denham Street, southerly to the southerly right-of-way line of  
5        Denham Street, common with the northeasterly corner of Lot "A" Denham Tract;  
6        thence departing said right-of-way southerly along the easterly property line of said  
7        Lot "A" to the southeasterly corner of said Lot "A", common with the northerly  
8        property line of Lot A-3-A-1-A, Plank Road Village; thence easterly along the  
9        northerly property line of Lot A-3-A-1-A to the northeasterly corner of Lot  
10       A-3-A-1-A, Plank Road Village; thence southerly along the easterly property line of  
11       said Lot A-3-A-1-A to the southeasterly corner of said Lot A-3-A-1-A common with  
12       the northeasterly corner of Lot A-3-A-2 Plank Road Park; thence southerly to the  
13       southeasterly corner of said Lot A-3-A-2 common with the northerly right-of-way  
14       line of Lateral of Monte Sano Bayou; thence westerly along the southerly property  
15       line of said Lot A-3-A-2 to a point and corner opposite the northeasterly corner of  
16       Lot 1-A-2, Maurice Place; thence southerly to the northeasterly corner of said Lot  
17       1-A-2 common with the southerly right-of-way line of Lateral of Monte Sano Bayou;  
18       thence westerly along the northerly property line of Lot 1-A-2, Maurice Place to the  
19       northwesterly corner of Lot 1-A-2; thence southerly along the westerly property line  
20       of said Lot 1-A-2 common with the easterly property line of Lot 1-A-1, Maurice  
21       Place to the southeasterly corner of Lot 1-A-1; thence westerly along the southerly  
22       property line of Lot 1-A-1 to the eastern right-of-way line of Plank Road common  
23       with the southwesterly corner of Lot 1-A-1 and the northwesterly corner of Lot  
24       2-A-1, Maurice; thence southerly along the eastern right-of-way line of Plank Road  
25       to the southwesterly corner of Lot 2-A-1 Maurice Place and the northwesterly corner  
26       of Lot 3 Maurice Place common with said right-of-way; thence easterly along the  
27       northerly property line of Lot 3, Maurice Place to the northeasterly corner of said Lot  
28       3; thence; thence southerly along the easterly property line of said Lot 3 to the  
29       southeasterly corner of said Lot 3 common with the northeasterly corner of Lot 4-A,

1 Maurice Place; thence southerly along the easterly property line of said Lot 4-A to  
2 the southeasterly corner of said Lot 4-A; thence westerly along the southerly  
3 property line of said Lot 4-A to the northeasterly corner of Lot 9-A-X, Maurice  
4 Place; thence southerly along the easterly property line of said Lot 9-A-X to the  
5 northerly right-of-way line of Hollywood Street common with the southeasterly  
6 corner of said Lot 9-A-X; thence westerly along the northerly right-of-way line of  
7 Hollywood Street to a point and corner opposite the northeasterly corner of Lot 8-A,  
8 Block 1, St. Gerard Place; thence departing said right-of-way southerly to the  
9 southerly right-of-way line of Hollywood Street common with the northeasterly  
10 corner of Lot 8-A, Block 1, St. Gerard Place; thence departing said right-of-way line  
11 southerly along the east property line of said Lot 8-A, Block 1, to the southeasterly  
12 corner of said Lot 8-A,Block 1; thence westerly to the northwesterly corner of  
13 Lot 18, Block 1, St. Gerard Place; thence southerly along the westerly property line  
14 of said Lot 18 to the northerly right-of-way line of St. Katherine Ave., common to  
15 the southeasterly of said Lot 18, Block 1; thence departing said right-of-way  
16 southerly to the southerly right-of-way line of St. Katherine Ave. opposite the  
17 southerly corner of Lot 18, Block 1, St. Gerard Place; thence westerly along said  
18 right-of-way line to the intersection of the southerly right-of-way line of  
19 St. Katherine Ave. with the easterly right-of-way line of Plank Road; thence  
20 southerly along the easternly right-of-way line of Plank Road to the intersection of  
21 easterly right-of-line of Plank Road and the southerly right-of-way line of St. Gerard  
22 Ave. thence easterly along the southerly right-of-way line of St. Gerard Ave. to the  
23 northeasterly corner of Lot 1, Block 8, St. Gerard Place; thence southerly along the  
24 easterly property line of Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 8, St. Gerard Place, projected to a point  
25 and corner on the northerly property line of Lot 3, Block 1, Schorten Place; thence  
26 westerly along said Lot 3, Block 1 to the northeasterly corner of Lot 1, Block 1,  
27 Schorten Place; thence southerly along the easterly property line of Lot 1 and Lot 2,  
28 Block 1, Schorten Place to the northerly right-of-way line of Lorraine Street common  
29 with the southeasterly corner of said Lot 2, Block 1, Schorten Place; thence southerly

1 to the southerly right of way of Lorraine Street common with Lot 3, Block 2,  
2 Schorten Place, thence departing said right-of-way along the easterly property line  
3 of said Lot 3 to the southeasterly corner of said Lot 3 common with the  
4 northwesterly corner of Lot 11, Block 2, Schorten Place; thence easterly along the  
5 northerly property line of said Lot 11 to the northeasterly corner of said Lot 11;  
6 thence southerly along the easterly property line of said Lot 11 to the northerly  
7 right-of-way line of Beech Street common with the southeasterly corner of Lot 11,  
8 Block 2, Schorten Place; thence westerly along said right-of-way line to a point and  
9 corner opposite the northeasterly corner of Lot 1, Block 3, Schorten Place; thence  
10 departing said right-of-way line southerly to the southerly right-of-way line Beech  
11 Street common to the northeasterly corner of Lot 1, Block 3, Schorten Place; thence  
12 departing said right-of-way line southerly along the easterly property line of said  
13 Lots 1, 2, 17 and 18, Block 3, Schorten Place to the northerly right-of-way line of  
14 Sycamore Street common with the southeasterly corner of Lot 18, Block 3, Schorten  
15 Place; thence departing said right-of-way line to the southerly right-of-way line of  
16 Sycamore Street common with the northeasterly corner of Lot 3, Block 4, Schorten  
17 Place; thence easterly along said right-of-way line to the northeasterly corner of Lot  
18 1, Block 4, Schorten Place; thence southerly departing said right-of-way along the  
19 easterly property lines of Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, Schorten Place and Lot 3, Block  
20 "C", North Highlands Estates, to the northerly right-of-way line of Byron Street  
21 common with the south easterly corner of said Lot 3, Block "3"; thence southerly  
22 departing said right-of-way line to a corner on the southerly right-of-way line of  
23 Byron Street; thence westerly along said right-of-way to the northeasterly corner of  
24 Lot 21, Block "D" North Highlands Estates; thence southerly departing said  
25 right-of-way line along the easterly property lines of Lots 21 and 27, Block "D",  
26 North Highlands Estates to the northerly right-of-way line of Evangeline Street  
27 common with the southeasterly corner of Lot 27, Block "D", North Highlands  
28 Estates; thence westerly along said right-of-way line to a corner opposite the  
29 northeasterly corner of Lot 48, Block "E", North Highlands Estates; thence southerly

1 departing said right-of-way line to the southerly right-of-way line of Evangeline  
 2 Street common with the northeasterly corner of said Lot 48, Block "E"; thence  
 3 southerly departing said right-of-way along the easterly property lines of Lot 48 and  
 4 47 Block "E", North Highlands Estates to the southeasterly corner of said Lot 47;  
 5 thence westerly along the southerly property line said Lot 47 to the easterly  
 6 right-of-way line of Plank Road common with the southwestery corner of said Lot  
 7 47; thence northerly along the easterly right-of-way line of Plank Road to a point and  
 8 corner common to the easterly right-of-way line of Plank Road and the northerly  
 9 right-of-way line of Evangeline Street; thence westerly departing said point and  
 10 corner to a point and corner being common with the westerly right-of-way line of  
 11 Plank Road and the northerly right-of-way line of Evangeline Street and the  
 12 southeasterly corner of Lot 18-A, Block 16, Delmont Place said point and corner  
 13 being the point of beginning.

14 C.(1) The purpose .of the district is to provide funding for the following:

15 (a) The acquisition of land, design, development, improvement, renovation,  
 16 restoration, revitalization, enhancement, expansion, reconstruction, and construction  
 17 of various multi-phased projects related to the economic improvement of the district.

18 (b) The development and implementation of public-private partnerships and  
 19 other initiatives.

20 (2) The projects to be pursued by the district are designed to encourage  
 21 economic development, enhance quality of life, sales and use tax, and hotel  
 22 occupancy tax base collections, stimulate job creation by enhancing the feasibility  
 23 of private sector projects that help to achieve the economic goals of the city of Baton  
 24 Rouge/parish of East Baton Rouge, and catalyze development within the city of  
 25 Baton Rouge/parish of East Baton Rouge where it might or might not otherwise be  
 26 economically feasible.

27 D.(1) The district shall be governed by a seven-member board of  
 28 commissioners, referred to in this Section as the "board", composed as follows:

1           (a) The member of the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge/parish  
2           of East Baton Rouge who represents District No. 5 shall appoint two members.

3           (b) The member of the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge/parish  
4           of East Baton Rouge who represents District No. 10 shall appoint one member.

5           (c) The mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge/parish of East Baton  
6           Rouge shall appoint one member.

7           (d) The member of the Louisiana House of Representatives whose district  
8           encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one  
9           member.

10          (e) The member of the Louisiana Senate whose district encompasses all or  
11          the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint one member.

12          (f) The governing board of the Greater Baton Rouge Economic Partnership  
13          shall appoint one member.

14          (2) Board members shall serve four-year terms after serving initial terms as  
15          provided in this Paragraph. Two members shall serve an initial term of one-year;  
16          two shall serve two years; two shall serve three years; and one shall serve four years  
17          as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

18          (3) Any vacancy which occurs prior to the expiration of the terms for which  
19          a member of the board has been appointed shall be filled for the remainder of the  
20          unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Board members  
21          shall be eligible for reappointment.

22          (4) The board shall elect from its members a chairman, a vice chairman, a  
23          secretary-treasurer, and such other officers as it may deem necessary. The duties of  
24          the officers shall be fixed by the bylaws adopted by the board.

25          (5) The minute books and archives of the district shall be maintained by the  
26          secretary-treasurer of the board. The monies, funds, and accounts of the district shall  
27          be in the official custody of the board.

28          (6) The board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary  
29          or advisable for conducting its business affairs. Rules and regulations of the board

1 relative to the notice and conduct of meetings shall conform to applicable law,  
2 including, if applicable, R.S. 42:11 et seq., relative to open meetings. The board  
3 shall hold regular meetings as shall be provided for in the bylaws and may hold  
4 special meetings at such times and places within the district as may be prescribed in  
5 the bylaws.

6 (7) A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the  
7 transaction of business. The board shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall make  
8 them available through the secretary-treasurer of the board.

9 (8) The members of the board shall serve without compensation but shall be  
10 reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the  
11 governance of the district.

12 E. The district, acting by and through its board, may exercise all powers of  
13 a political subdivision and special taxing district necessary or convenient for the  
14 carrying out of its objects and purposes including but not limited to the following:

15 (1) To sue and to be sued.

16 (2) To adopt bylaws and rules and regulations.

17 (3) To receive by gift, grant, donation, or otherwise any sum of money,  
18 property, or aid or assistance from the United States, the state of Louisiana, or any  
19 political subdivision thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation.

20 (4) For the public purposes of the district to enter into contracts, agreements,  
21 or cooperative endeavors with the state and its political subdivisions or political  
22 corporations and with any public or private association, corporation, business entity,  
23 or individual.

24 (5) To appoint officers, agents, and employees, prescribe their duties, and fix  
25 their compensation.

26 (6) To acquire by gift, grant, purchase, or lease such property as may be  
27 necessary or desirable for carrying out the objectives and purposes of the district and  
28 to mortgage and sell such property.

1           (7) In its own name and on its own behalf to incur debt and to issue bonds,  
2           notes, certificates and other evidences of indebtedness.

3           (8) To establish such funds or accounts as are necessary for the conduct of  
4           the affairs of the district.

5           F.(1)(a) The district may levy and collect a sales and use tax not to exceed  
6           one percent within the territorial jurisdiction of the district.

7           (b) The sales and use tax so levied shall be imposed by an resolution of the  
8           board and shall be levied upon the sale at retail, the use, lease, or rental, the  
9           consumption and the storage for consumption of, and distribution of tangible  
10          personal property or digital products, and on sales or services in the district, all as  
11          defined in Chapter 2 of Subtitle II of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of  
12          1950.

13          (c) The tax shall be in addition to all other taxes and shall be collected at the  
14          same time and in the same manner as set forth in Chapter 2-D of Subtitle II of Title  
15          47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

16          (d) The tax shall expire twenty years after its initial levy; however, if there  
17          are outstanding bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, the tax shall  
18          continue to be levied until the bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness are  
19          paid in full as to both principal and interest.

20          (2)(a) In addition to the tax authorized in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection  
21          and any other tax levied and collected, the district may levy and collect a tax upon  
22          the paid occupancy of hotel rooms located within the district. The hotel occupancy  
23          tax shall not exceed one percent of the rent or fee charged for such occupancy.

24          (b) The word "hotel" as used in this Section shall have the same definition  
25          as that contained in R.S. 47:301(6).

26          (c) The person who exercises or is entitled to occupancy of the hotel room  
27          shall pay the hotel occupancy tax at the time the rent or fee for occupancy is paid.  
28          "Person" as used in this Paragraph shall have the same definition as that contained  
29          in R.S. 47:301(8).

1           (d) The hotel occupancy tax shall be in addition to all taxes levied upon the  
2           occupancy of hotel rooms located within the city.

3           (e) The tax shall expire twenty years after its initial levy; however, if there  
4           are outstanding bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, the tax shall  
5           continue to be levied until the bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness are  
6           paid in full as to both principal and interest.

7           (3) The district may enter into a contract with any public entity authorized  
8           to collect sales or use taxes, under terms and conditions it considers appropriate,  
9           including payment of a reasonable collection fee for the collection of the sales and  
10          use tax and hotel occupancy tax authorized in this Subsection.

11          G. In order to fund development within the district, the district shall have tax  
12          increment finance authority and other authority that is provided to local  
13          governmental subdivisions in Part II of this Chapter, including but not limited to the  
14          following: ad valorem tax increment financing and bonding in R.S. 33:9038.33;  
15          sales tax increment financing and bonding in R.S. 33:9038.34; and cooperative  
16          endeavor authority in R.S. 33:9038.35. The authority of the district to levy a sales  
17          and use tax and a hotel occupancy tax shall be subject to the rate limitations provided  
18          in this Section.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Creates the Delmont Economic Development District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Proposed law creates the Delmont Economic Development District as a political subdivision in East Baton Rouge Parish to provide funding for the acquisition of land, design, development, improvement, renovation, restoration, revitalization, enhancement, expansion, reconstruction, and construction of various multi-phased projects related to the economic improvement of the district and for the development and implementation of public-private partnerships and other initiatives.

Proposed law provides that the district shall be governed by a seven-member board of commissioners composed as follows:

- (1) Two members appointed by the member of the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge/parish of East Baton Rouge who represents District No. 5.
- (2) One member appointed by the member of the governing authority of the city of Baton Rouge/parish of East Baton Rouge who represents District No. 10.
- (3) One member appointed by the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge/parish of East Baton Rouge.
- (4) One member appointed by the member of the La. House of Representatives whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
- (5) One member appointed by the member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
- (6) One member appointed by the governing board of the Greater Baton Rouge Economic Partnership.

Proposed law provides that members serve four-year staggered terms.

Proposed law provides for the powers and duties of the district, including but not limited to the follows:

- (1) To sue and to be sued.
- (2) To adopt bylaws and rules and regulations.
- (3) To receive by gift, grant, donation, or otherwise any sum of money, property, or aid or assistance from the U.S., the state, or any political subdivision thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation.
- (4) To enter into contracts, agreements, or cooperative endeavors with the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations and with any public or private association, corporation, business entity, or individual for public purposes of the district.
- (5) To appoint officers, agents, and employees, prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation.
- (6) To acquire by gift, grant, purchase, or lease such property as may be necessary or desirable for carrying out the objectives and purposes of the district and to mortgage and sell such property.

Proposed law authorizes the district to levy a sales tax not to exceed 1% and a hotel occupancy tax not to exceed 1%. Provides that the sales tax and the hotel occupancy tax expire 20 years after their initial levy; however, the taxes shall continue to be levied until the bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness are paid in full as to both principal and interest.

Proposed law authorizes the district to enter into a contract with any public entity authorized to collect sales or use taxes, under terms and conditions it considers appropriate, including payment of a reasonable collection fee for the collection of the sales tax and hotel occupancy tax.

Proposed law provides that in order to fund development, the district shall have tax increment finance authority and other authority that is provided to local governmental subdivisions in present law (Part II of Title 33), including but not limited to the following: ad valorem tax increment financing and bonding (R.S. 33:9038.33); sales tax increment

financing and bonding (R.S. 33:9038.34); and cooperative endeavor authority (R.S. 33:9038.35). Provides that the district's authority to levy a sales tax and hotel occupancy tax is subject to the rate limitations provided in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 33:9038.82)