

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 285

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for appointments to the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e), relative to the Shreveport Downtown
3 Development District; to provide for the composition of the governing authority of
4 the district; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §2740.38. Shreveport; downtown development district

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11 C.(1) The Shreveport Downtown Development District, hereinafter referred
12 to as the "district," shall be governed by the Shreveport Downtown Development
13 Authority hereinafter referred to as the "authority," originally established by
14 Ordinance No. 47 of 1975 of the city council of the city of Shreveport. The members
15 of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority shall be composed of two
16 nonvoting members: the mayor of the city of Shreveport and the executive director
17 of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority and seven voting members

1 who shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Shreveport (the "mayor"), subject
2 to confirmation by the city council as follows:

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4 (e) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the
5 state senators whose senatorial districts are defined by R.S. 24:35.1(A)~~(37)~~**(38)** as
6 District ~~37~~ **38** and by R.S. 24:35.1(A)(39) as District 39 and by the state
7 representative whose representative district is defined by R.S. 24:35.5(A)(4) as
8 District 4.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 33:2740.38) provides for the responsibility of the Downtown Development District of the city of Shreveport to encourage and aid in the preservation, revitalization, and beautification of public and private property within the district and authorizes the district, with city council approval, to provide public financial assistance for such development.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the selection of two members for the Shreveport Downtown Development District from a list of seven nominees submitted to the mayor by the city council members.

Present law provides that the members of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority shall be composed of two nonvoting members: the mayor of the city of Shreveport and the executive director of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority and seven voting members who shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Shreveport, subject to confirmation by the city council as follows:

- (1) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by Downtown Shreveport Unlimited.
- (2) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce or its successor.
- (3) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.
- (4) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the Downtown Shreveport Development Corporation.
- (5) One member from a list of three nominees submitted to the mayor by the state senators whose senatorial districts are defined by present law as District 37 and by

present law as District 39 and by the state representative whose representative district is defined by present law as District 4.

- (6) Two members from a list of seven nominees submitted to the mayor by the Shreveport city council members.

Proposed law retains present law but replaces the senator from District 37 to District 38 as a proper nominating authority.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e))