
DIGEST

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HB 444 Engrossed

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Abstract: Changes the membership of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

Present law creates the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge as a subdivision of the state to plan, own, and operate public recreational and park facilities in the parish.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for a nine-member commission comprised of five ex officio members and four members appointed by the governing authority of city of Baton Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge for three-year terms. Provides that the five ex officio members are the mayors of the following municipalities: Baker, Baton Rouge, Central, St. George, and Zachary. Authorizes each mayor to designate a person to serve in his place as a member of the commission. Requires that at least two of the appointed members be residents of the city of Baton Rouge, and at least one be a resident of an unincorporated area of East Baton Rouge Parish.

Proposed law adds two ex officio members to provide for an 11-member commission. Provides that the two additional members are the member of the La. Senate who represents District No. 15 and the member of the La. House of Representatives who represents District No. 61. Authorizes each member to designate a person to serve in his place as a member of the commission.

Present law provides that five members constitute a quorum. Proposed law instead provides that six members constitute a quorum.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:4570.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Removes the La. Senate member from District No. 14 and replaces him with the La. Senate member from District No. 15.