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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

SB 78

2026 Regular Session

Jenkins

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for the governing authority of the Shreveport Downtown Development District. (8/1/26)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Make technical amendments.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

2. Authorized the member of the La. House of Representatives who represents District 2 to submit a list of nominees to the mayor for the appointment to the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Authorize the member of the La. House of Representatives and the member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district to submit a list of nominees to the mayor for appointment to the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law (R.S. 33:2740.38) provides for the composition of the board of commissioners of the Shreveport Downtown Development District 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 is District 37 and District 39 and by the state representative whose representative district is 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 provides that the member of the La. House of Representatives and the member of the La. Senate whose district encompasses all or the greater portion of the member of the area of the district to submit a list of nominees to the mayor for appointment to the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority. Further provides that one member of authority shall have a background in urban planning, land use planning, commercial real estate development, commercial real estate construction, commercial district management architecture or engineering.

Present law provides that all members of the authority, other than elected officials shall reside in the district or have their personal principal place of business or office in the district or own property in the district.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the member with the background in urban planning, land use planning, commercial real estate development, commercial real estate construction, commercial district management architecture or engineering shall not have to reside in the district or have his personal principal place of business or office in the district or own property in the district.

Proposed law will have prospective application only, and will only apply to vacancies that occur, for any cause, after the effective date of proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e), (2), (3), and (4); adds R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(5))