

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 515 (SB 440)

2026 Regular Session

Luneau

Existing law creates a renaissance district in any parish having a population of more than 129,000 and less than 132,000 persons, which shall be a political subdivision of the state with a territorial jurisdiction throughout the parish to be governed by a board of commissioners.

New law retains existing law but changes the designation of the district from being identified by population to the parish of Rapides.

Prior law (R.S. 15:1109.22) provided that the board of commissioners be composed of seven commissioners and that each be a qualified elector and domiciled in the parish.

New law increases the number of the district board of commissioners from seven to nine and that they be appointed to four year terms as follows:

- (1) Five members were appointed by the parish police jury as follows:
  - (a) Two members appointed from an existing renaissance home board of directors as long as that board exists, after which time two members will be appointed from the residents of the parish who are not employed by the parish police jury and who have experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
  - (b) Three members who are not employed by the parish police jury and who have experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
- (2) One member who was employed by the sheriff's office of the parish and who had experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
- (3) One member who was employed by the office of the district attorney of the parish and who had experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.

New law provides that the board of commissioners be appointed for four year terms as follows:

- (1) Four members will be appointed by the parish of Rapides governing authority as follows:
  - (a) One member will be appointed from the prior nonprofit entity renaissance board of directors as long as at least one member of that board is capable of serving, after which time one member shall be appointed from the residents of the parish who are not employed by the parish police jury and who has experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
  - (b) Three members who are not employed by the parish police jury who have experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
- (2) One member who is employed by the sheriff's office of the parish of Rapides and has experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
- (3) One member who is employed by the office of the district attorney of the parish of Rapides and has experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.
- (4) Three members appointed by the Central Louisiana Juvenile Detention Center Authority who have experience with juveniles in education, rehabilitation, or incarceration of juveniles.

New law retains provisions that board members serve without a salary or per diem but authorizes the board to provide reasonable travel allowances for members in the performance of official duties.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 15:1109.21 and 1109.22(A))