

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 470

BY SENATOR BARROW

LOCAL AGENCIES. Provides for an increase of commissioners to the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570.1, relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for  
3 the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide for an increase on the board of  
4 commissioners; 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. 33:4570.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §4570.1. Board of commissioners; officers; quorum; employees

9 A. The commission shall be composed of ~~three~~ **five** ex officio members and  
10 six appointed members for a total of ~~nine~~ **eleven** commissioners. The ex officio  
11 members shall be the mayor-president, or an officer or employee of the city or parish  
12 designated by the mayor-president from time to time; ~~a member of the school board~~  
13 ~~of East Baton Rouge Parish, designated by the school board for a term coincident~~  
14 ~~with his term on the school board, and~~ a member of the planning commission  
15 designated by the planning commission for a term coincident with his term on the  
16 planning commission; **the member of the Louisiana House of Representatives or**  
17 **his designee, whose house district includes the Baton Rouge Zoo; the member**

1 **of the Louisiana Senate or his designee, whose senate district includes the Baton**  
 2 **Rouge Zoo; and the member of the Metro Council or his designee, whose**  
 3 **council district includes the Baton Rouge Zoo. At least one member shall be**  
 4 **chosen and appointed from a list of two names submitted by the presidents of**  
 5 **Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and**  
 6 **Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and have had the**  
 7 **greater part of his experience as a licensed veterinarian.** The six appointed  
 8 members shall be qualified voters of the parish appointed by the metropolitan  
 9 council for terms of three years. Vacancies shall be filled by the designating or  
 10 appointing body for the unexpired portion of the term. All commission members  
 11 shall serve without compensation.

12 B. The commission shall elect from the six appointed members a chairman,  
 13 a vice chairman, and a treasurer whose terms of office shall be one year. Four  
 14 members shall constitute a quorum of the commission for all purposes. The  
 15 commission shall have the power and authority to name and employ a person who  
 16 shall be designated as superintendent of the commission, who shall not be a member  
 17 of the commission, and who shall be ex officio secretary of the commission, and to  
 18 prescribe and pay an annual salary to the superintendent.

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 23 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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SB 470 Engrossed

DIGEST  
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Barrow

Present law provides for the board of commissioners of the East Baton Rouge Parish  
 Recreation and Park Commission to be composed of nine commissioners: three ex officio  
 members and six appointed members.

Present law provides that the ex officio members are to be the mayor-president, or an officer

or employee of the city or parish designated by the mayor-president from time to time; a member of the school board of East Baton Rouge Parish, designated by the school board for a term coincident with his term on the school board; and a member of the planning commission designated by the planning commission for a term coincident with his term on the planning commission.

Present law requires four members of the commission to constitute a quorum for all purposes.

Proposed law provides for an increase in the number of commissioners from 9 to 11 for the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge.

Proposed law provides for the removal of a member of the school board of East Baton Rouge Parish as an ex officio member and replaces him with the member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, the member of the Louisiana Senate, and the member of the Metro Council or their designees, whose districts include the Baton Rouge Zoo. Proposed law also provides that at least one member shall be chosen and appointed from a list of two names submitted by the presidents of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and have had the greater part of his experience as a licensed veterinarian.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:4570.1)