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HOUSE BILL NO. 553

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DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVEL: Provides relative to the Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District in Orleans Parish

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.54(B)(1) and (3) and (D)(1), relative to the Lower Ninth 3 Ward Economic Development District in Orleans Parish; to provide relative to the 4 governing board of the district; to change the membership of the board and provide 5 for its powers and duties; and to provide for related matters. 6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published 7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of 8 Louisiana. 9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 10 Section 1. R.S. 33:2740.54(B)(1) and (3) and (D)(1) are hereby amended and 11 reenacted to read as follows: 12 §2740.54. Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District 13 B.(1) The district shall be governed by a nine-member an eleven-member 14 15 board of commissioners. The members shall be appointed as follows: 16 (a) One member of the board shall be appointed by the senator representing 17 the second senatorial district. 18 (b) One member of the board shall be appointed by the state representative 19 representing the ninety-ninth representative district. 20 (c) One member of the board shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans. 21

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1	(d) One member of the board shall be appointed by the New Orleans city
2	council member representing Council District E.
3	(e) Four members of the board shall be appointed by the Lower Ninth Ward
4	Economic Development Foundation.
5	(f) One member shall be appointed by the Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood
6	Council.
7	(a) The state representative for the House of Representatives district which
8	encompasses all or the greater portion of the area of the district shall appoint two
9	members.
10	(b) The state senator for the Senate district encompassing all or the greater
11	portion of the area of the district shall appoint two members.
12	(c) The mayor of the city of New Orleans shall appoint two members.
13	(d) The city council member whose district encompasses all or a greater
14	portion of the area of the district shall appoint two members.
15	(e) The governing board of the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association shall
16	appoint one member.
17	(f) The Table Connect Group shall appoint two members.
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19	(3) Except for initial terms, a commissioner's term shall be two years and
20	serve at the pleasure of the elected official, foundation, or council that appointed
21	them Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.
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23	D.(1) The board shall prepare or cause to be prepared a plan or plans,
24	hereafter in this Section referred to in this Section as a "development plan",
25	specifying the public improvements, facilities, and services proposed to be furnished,
26	constructed, or acquired for the district. The board may shall conduct hearings,
27	publish notice, and disseminate information with respect to the development plan.
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- 1 Section 2. The terms of the members of the board of commissioners of the Lower
- 2 Ninth Ward Economic Development District in office on the effective date of this Act
- 3 terminate on the effective date of this Act; however, such members shall remain in office
- 4 until the board members appointed as provided in this Act take office. The members of the
- 5 board of commissioners of the Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District shall be
- 6 appointed and shall take office as provided in this Act and shall serve at the pleasure of the
- 7 appointing authority as provided in this Act.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Relative to the Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District in Orleans Parish, changes the membership of the governing board.

<u>Present law</u> creates the Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development District in Orleans Parish as a political subdivision of the state to plan and facilitate the revitalization of the residential and commercial areas within the district.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the district is governed by a nine-member board of commissioners appointed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the senator representing District No. 2.
- (2) One member appointed by the state representative representing District No. 99.
- (3) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans.
- (4) One member appointed by the city council member representing Council District E.
- (5) Four members appointed by the Lower Ninth Ward Economic Development Foundation.
- (6) One member appointed by the Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood Council.

<u>Proposed law</u> instead provides that the district is governed by an 11-member board of commissioners appointed as follows:

- (1) Two members appointed by the state representative for the House of Representatives district encompassing all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
- (2) Two members appointed by the state senator for the Senate district encompassing all or the greater portion of the area of the district.
- (3) Two members appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans.

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- (4) Two members appointed by the city council member whose district encompasses all or a greater portion of the area of the district.
- (5) One member appointed by the governing board of the Holy Cross Neighborhood Association.
- (6) Two members appointed by the Table Connect Group.

<u>Present law</u> provides that board members serve two year terms and serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. <u>Proposed law</u> instead provides that board members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

<u>Present law</u> requires the board to prepare a development plan or plans, specifying the public improvements, facilities, and services proposed to be furnished, constructed, or acquired for the district. Authorizes the board to conduct hearings, publish notices, and disseminate information with respect to the development plan.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> except requires rather than authorizes the board to conduct hearings, publish notices, and disseminate information with respect to the development plan.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the terms of the board members in office on the effective date of <u>proposed law</u> terminate on that date; however, the members must remain in office until the board members appointed as provided in proposed law take office.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.54(B)(1) and (3) and (D)(1))