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## DIGEST

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HB 381 Reengrossed

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Miguez

**Abstract:** Modifies the requirements for the selection of persons to serve on the board of commissioners of the Vermilion and Iberia Railroad Development District.

Present law creates the Vermilion and Iberia Railroad Development District as a political subdivision of the state for the primary object and purpose of promoting and encouraging development of the rail service running between the parishes of Vermilion and Iberia.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the district is governed by a board of five commissioners. Requires two members to be appointed by the governing authority of Vermilion Parish at least one of whom must have a bachelor's degree in agricultural science. Proposed law removes the requirement that at least one member have a bachelor's degree in agricultural science.

Present law requires two members to be appointed by the governing authority of Iberia Parish at least one of whom must have a bachelor's degree in agricultural science. Proposed law removes requirement that at least one member have a bachelor's degree in agricultural science.

Present law requires one member to be appointed by the Twin Parish Port Commission and the University of La. at Lafayette and further requires that the member have a bachelor's degree in engineering and a minimum of five years experience at the management and operational level of a railroad company. Proposed law removes the requirement that the member have a minimum of five years experience at the management and operational level of a railroad company.

(Amends R.S. 33:140.112(A))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Authorize board members to designate persons to attend board meetings in their absence.

### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove proposed law requirement that one member appointed by the governing

authority of Vermilion Parish have a desire to serve on the board and be a member of the police jury.

2. Remove present law requirement that one member appointed by the governing authority of Iberia Parish have a bachelor's degree in agricultural science.
3. Remove proposed law provisions that authorize board members to designate persons to attend board meetings in their absence.