## 2019 Regular Session

## **ACT No. 168**

HOUSE BILL NO. 590

## BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4574.12(B)(6), (C)(1), and (D)(1)(a), relative to the River
3	Parishes Convention, Tourist, and Visitors District; to provide relative to meetings
4	and powers of the district's governing commission; to provide relative to hotel
5	occupancy taxes levied by the commission; 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. 33:4574.12(B)(6), (C)(1), and (D)(1)(a) are hereby amended and
11	reenacted to read as follows:
12	§4574.12. River Parishes Convention, Tourist, and Visitors District; commission
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16	(6) The commission shall meet at least once per quarter but not more than
17	once per month.
18	C.(1) The commission shall have the power to sue and be sued, to accept
19	grants or donations of every type, to spend money on capital improvements if
20	necessary to receive matching federal or state funds, to do all things necessary for
21	the attraction of conventions, tourists, and visitors, including the management and
22	promotion of convention facilities, tourist attractions, film studios and activities,
23	docking facilities, and other points of interest within the three-parish area. Such
24	promotion may include the advertisement and publication of information relating

1 thereto. However, the commission shall not exercise any function which results in 2 <u>direct</u> competition with local retail businesses or enterprises. 3 4 D.(1)(a) In order to provide funds for the operation of the commission, the commission may levy and collect a hotel/motel occupancy tax within the parishes. 5 The tax shall not exceed two four percent of the rent or fee charged for such 6 7 occupancy. 8 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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APPROVED: