

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 86

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

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 relative to the membership of the  
4 commission; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:4570.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §4570.1. Board of commissioners; officers; quorum; employees

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

1 ~~planning commission.~~ mayors of the following municipalities: Baker, Baton Rouge,  
 2 Central, St. George, and Zachary. Each mayor may designate a person to serve in  
 3 his place as a member of the commission. Each designee shall serve at the pleasure  
 4 of the designating mayor. The ex officio members shall serve during their terms of  
 5 office. The ~~six~~ four appointed members shall be qualified voters of the parish  
 6 appointed by the ~~metropolitan council~~ governing authority of the city of Baton  
 7 Rouge, parish of East Baton Rouge for terms of three years. Of the four appointed  
 8 members, at least two shall be residents of the city of Baton Rouge, and at least one  
 9 shall be a resident of the unincorporated area of East Baton Rouge Parish. Following  
 10 the release of each federal decennial census, the commission may, by majority vote,  
 11 reallocate these designated residency requirements to reflect the changes in  
 12 population distribution across the parish. Any such reallocation shall apply  
 13 prospectively and shall not alter the term of any sitting member. Vacancies shall be  
 14 filled by the designating or appointing ~~body for the unexpired portion of the term~~  
 15 authority. All commission members shall serve without compensation.

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

23 Section 2. The terms of the members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the  
 24 Parish of East Baton Rouge in office on the effective date of this Act shall terminate on that  
 25 date; however, the members shall remain in office until the commission members take office  
 26 as provided in this Act. The members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish  
 27 of East Baton Rouge shall take office as provided in this Act and shall serve terms of office  
 28 as provided in this Act.

29 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 30 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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