

ACT No. 391

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 649

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570.1 and R.S. 48:1456(A) and to enact R.S. 33:4570.3(D), relative to East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the membership and powers and duties of the commission; to require the commission to submit an annual report regarding the funds of the commission; to provide relative to the board of commissioners of the Capital Area Transit System; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4570.1 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:4570.3(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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

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

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§4570.3. Powers and duties

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D.(1) The commission shall submit a written report annually to each municipality located within the jurisdiction of the commission and to the members of the Louisiana Senate and House of Representatives who represent each municipality located within the jurisdiction of the commission.

(2) The report shall provide the amount of funds received from taxpayers in each municipality, the amount of funds spent by the commission on facilities in each municipality, and the amount of money generated at commission facilities in each municipality.

(3) The report shall be submitted annually within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year.

(4) The commission shall timely submit all reports required by the legislative
auditor.

Section 2. R.S. 48:1456(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read follows:

§1456. Board of commissioners

A.(1) If there are no participating parishes other than East Baton Rouge Parish, the system shall be governed by a board of commissioners comprised of ~~nine~~ ten members, with one member being a representative of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

(2) The member from the Amalgamated Transit Union shall be the president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1546 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or his designee. The union representative shall be a retired union member and serve as a member of the board without voting privileges. The union representative shall not participate in any executive session involving personnel issues or collective bargaining agreements.

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Section 3. The terms of the members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge in office on the effective date of this Act shall terminate on that date; however, the members shall remain in office until the commission members take office as provided in this Act. The members of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge shall take office as provided in this Act and shall serve terms of office as provided in this Act.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____