

ACT No. 780

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HOUSE BILL NO. 36

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1109.1(A)(1) through (8) and to enact R.S. 15:1109.1(C) and 1109.5(D) and (E), relative to the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District; to provide for appointment to the board of commissioners; to provide for the power to levy taxes, incur debt, and issue bonds; to provide for vacancies; 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. 15:1109.1(A)(1) through (8) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:1109.1(C) and 1109.5(D) and (E) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1109.1. Board of commissioners; appointments; terms

A. The Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District Commission is hereby created to control, administer, and manage the affairs of the district. The commission shall be composed of a board of eleven commissioners who shall be appointed as follows:

(1) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and residing within Acadia Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district attorney for the Fifteenth Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Acadia Parish, and the police jury president of a parish having a population of more than fifty seven thousand five hundred and less than fifty eight thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census,~~ for an initial term of four years.

1 (2) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
 2 residing in Allen Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district
 3 attorney for the Thirty-Third Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Allen Parish, and the~~
 4 police jury president of a parish having a population of more than twenty two
 5 thousand five hundred and less than twenty three thousand persons according to the
 6 most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four years.

7 (3) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
 8 residing within Evangeline Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and
 9 district attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Evangeline~~
 10 Parish, and the police jury president of a parish having a population of more than
 11 thirty two thousand three hundred and less than thirty three thousand persons
 12 according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial term of four
 13 years.

14 (4) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
 15 residing within Iberia Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and district
 16 attorney of the Sixteenth Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Iberia Parish, and the~~
 17 president of a parish having a population of more than sixty nine thousand and less
 18 than seventy thousand persons according to the most recent federal decennial census,
 19 for an initial term of four years.

20 (5) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
 21 residing in Jefferson Davis Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and
 22 district attorney for the Thirty-First Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of Jefferson~~
 23 Davis Parish, and the police jury president of a parish having a population of more
 24 than thirty two thousand two hundred and less than thirty two thousand three
 25 hundred persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, for an initial
 26 term of four years.

27 (6) One commissioner, who shall be a qualified elector domiciled and
 28 residing in St. Landry Parish, shall be jointly appointed by the chief judge and
 29 district attorney for the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District, ~~and the sheriff of St.~~
 30 Landry Parish, and the president of a parish having a population of more than eighty

1 parishes that comprise the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District, prior to any
2 such measure being placed on the ballot.

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
7 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____