Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 322

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARDSON

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to membership of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4570.1, relative to the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to membership on the commission; 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 to read as follows:

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

A. The commission shall be composed of ~~three~~ two ex officio members and ~~six~~ seven 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~~;~~ and 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~~. The ~~six~~ seven appointed members shall be qualified voters of the parish appointed by the metropolitan council for terms of three years. The metropolitan council shall make appointments so that at least one

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resident of each of the following municipalities is a member of the board: Baker, Zachary, and Central. Vacancies shall be filled by the designating or appointing body for the unexpired portion of the term. All commission members shall serve without compensation.

B. The commission shall elect from the ~~six~~ seven appointed members a chairman, a vice chairman, and a treasurer whose terms of office shall be one year. Four 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.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2012.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the membership on the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC): removes an ex officio member, adds an appointed member, and requires representation of certain municipalities.

Present law creates the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) as a subdivision of the state to plan, own, and operate public recreational and park facilities in the parish. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the commission is comprised of nine members, six of whom are appointed by the city-parish governing authority and three of whom are ex officio members. The three ex officio members are the mayor-president or his designee, a member of the East Baton Rouge school board designated by the school board, and a member of the planning commission designated by the planning commission.

Proposed law removes the planning commission member as an ex officio BREC member and increases the number of appointed members to seven. Adds a requirement that appointments be made so that the commission includes at least one resident of each of the following: Baker, Zachary, and Central. Otherwise retains present law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 33:4570.1)

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