DIGEST

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Leger HB No. 576

Abstract: Amends provisions relative to the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District.

Present law (R.S. 33:2401(A)) establishes a list of positions that qualify for unclassified civil service status for cities with populations of over one hundred thousand.

Proposed law adds employees of the BioDistrict to unclassified service.

Present law (R.S. 33:9039.61) establishes that present law shall be known as the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District.

Proposed law changes the name of present law from the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District to the BioDistrict New Orleans.

Present law (R.S. 33:9039.62) creates the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District, referred to in present law as the "district".

Proposed law changes the name of the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District so that "district" now refers to the BioDistrict New Orleans.

Present law (R.S. 33:9039.65(3)) defines "District" as the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District.

Proposed law changes the definition of "District" in present law meaning the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District to the BioDistrict New Orleans.

Present law (R.S. 33:9039.66(J)) creates an advisory committee of the district created by the board of commissioners of the district, which may include but not be limited to representatives of the Ochsner Foundation, the New Orleans Foundation, Children's Hospital, Department of Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, the University of New Orleans, the Greater New Orleans Foundation, Black Economic Development Council, the New Orleans Downtown Development District, Dillard University, and Southern University of New Orleans.

Proposed law adds two members to the advisory committee that are to be appointed by the mayor of the city of New Orleans from a list of nominees submitted by the representatives and senators for the districts that overlap the boundaries of the BioDistrict New Orleans.

Present law (R.S. 33:9039.68(A)(13)) authorizes the board of commissioners to appoint officers, agents, and employees, including an executive director and staff, and prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation.

Proposed law specifies that all employees of the BioDistrict are members of the unclassified civil service for cities and the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System.

Present law (R.S. 33:9039.68(B)(1) and (2)) requires that each designated subdistrict area be designated as "Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development Subdistrict No. _____".

Proposed law changes present law by specifying that each designated subdistrict area be representative of its geographic location and designated as "BioDistrict Economic Development Subdistrict for _____".

(Amends R.S. 33:2401(A), 9039.61, 9039.62, 9039.65(3), 9039.66(J), and 9039.68(A)(13) and (B)(1) and (2))