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 ex officio members and ~~six~~ nine appointed members for a total of ~~nine~~ twelve 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. The ~~six~~ nine 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 resident of each

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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~~ nine appointed members a chairman, a vice chairman, and a treasurer whose terms of office shall be one year. ~~Four~~ Seven 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: Relative to the membership of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC), adds three appointed members 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 increases the membership of the commission from nine to 12 by increasing the number of appointed members from six to nine. 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. Proposed law increases the number of members required for a quorum from four to seven. Proposed law otherwise retains present law relative to ex officio members.

Effective January 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 33:4570.1)

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill.

1. Restores provisions of present law that provide that a member of the city-parish planning commission designated by the city-parish planning commission shall be an ex officio member of BREC.

2. Further increases the number of members appointed to BREC by the city-parish governing authority from seven to nine.

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