DIGEST

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Leger HB No. 576

Abstract: Changes the name of the district from the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District to the BioDistrict New Orleans. Adds two members to the board of commissioners and two members to the advisory committee of the district.

Present law (R.S. 33:9039.61 et seq.) creates and provides for the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District as a political subdivision of the state located within the city of New Orleans. Provides for district boundaries. Provides that the district shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of 13 members. Provides further with respect to the powers and duties of the board and the district.

Proposed law changes the name of the district from the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District to the BioDistrict New Orleans. Proposed law adds two members to the board of commissioners who shall be appointed by the mayor from a list of nominees submitted by the representatives and senators for the districts that overlap the boundaries of the BioDistrict New Orleans. Requires the two new members to be residents of the district. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 33:9039.66(J)) requires the board of commissioners to create an advisory committee 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 who shall 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(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 requiring that each designated subdistrict area be representative of its geographic location and designated as "BioDistrict Economic Development Subdistrict for _____".

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

(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Removes proposed law that would have provided that all employees of the district shall be members of the unclassified civil service for cities of over 100,000 persons and members of the La. State Employees' Retirement System.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Adds two members to the board of commissioners of the district who shall be appointed by the mayor of the city. Provides for a nomination process. Requires the new members to be residents of the district.