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Richardson HB No. 322

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 not more than one resident of Baker, Zachary, and Central, who must be nominated by the mayor of the respective municipality. 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.

Present law requires election of a chairman, vice chairman, and a treasurer from among the appointed members of the commission. Proposed law prohibits a resident of Baker, Zachary, or Central from serving as an officer; otherwise retains present law.

Effective January 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 33:4570.1)

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.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Relative to the members of the commission from Baker, Zachary, and Central: (a) provides that not more than one, rather than at least one, member be appointed from each municipality, (b) requires that any such appointments be made from nominations submitted by the mayor of the respective municipality, and (c) prohibits such a member from serving as an officer of the commission.