Leger (HB 576) **Act No. 400**

Existing law (R.S. 33:9039.61 et seq.) creates and provides for an economic development district as a political subdivision within the city of New Orleans to facilitate the creation of biomedical research jobs. Provides that the district is governed by a board of commissioners.

Prior law named the district the Greater New Orleans Biosciences Economic Development District. New law changes the name to the BioDistrict New Orleans. Prior law provided that the board of commissioners was composed of 13 members. New law adds two members who shall be appointed 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.

Existing law (R.S. 33:9039.66(J)) requires the board of commissioners to create an advisory committee of the district, which includes but is not 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.

New law adds two members to the advisory committee who are appointed by the representatives and senators for the districts that overlap the boundaries of the BioDistrict New Orleans.

Effective August 15, 2011.

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