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## DIGEST

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HB No. 692

**Abstract:** Adds the designee of the chief executive officer of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber to the membership of the board of directors of the Research Park Corporation and provides for recusal of voting for such designee.

Present law authorizes the establishment of the Research Park Corporation as a public, nonprofit corporation authorized to create, develop, construct, operate, manage, and finance a research and development park in cooperation with the LSU Board of Supervisors, the Southern Board of Supervisors, and the governing authority of the appropriate municipality or parish.

Present law provides that the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of not less than nine and not more than 12 members as follows:

- (1) The designee of the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge and the parish of East Baton Rouge.
- (2) The designee of the president of the LSU System.
- (3) The designee of the president of the SU System.
- (4) The designee of the secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development.
- (5) One member selected by the Economic Freedom Association.

Provides that the board members shall elect at least four but not more than seven individuals to represent the business sector to serve on the board of directors.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the designee of the chief executive officer of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber to the board of directors. Proposed law adds that the designee's voting recusal is limited to votes in violation of present law (R.S. 42:1112(B)(3) relative to prohibitions on participating in certain transactions involving governmental entities and permits the designee to perform services for certain persons contracting with the corporation provided that the designee recuses himself from any vote regarding such person.

(Amends RS 17:3396.4(A)(intro. para.) and (6); Adds R.S. 17:3396.4(A)(7))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Adds provision relative to voting recusal by the designee from the Baton Rouge Area Chamber and provision permitting the designee to perform services for certain persons contracting with the corporation provided that the designee recuses himself from any vote regarding such person.