
DIGEST

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Barrow

HB No. 414

Abstract: Changes the name of the Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Present law provides that certain named tourist commissions and convention and visitors bureaus are created as special districts or commissions. Each such commission or bureau is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision. Present law (R.S. 33:4574(B)(6)) creates the Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau as a special district composed of all of the territory in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the name of the bureau to Visit Baton Rouge.

Proposed law further provides that the bureau continues in existence and continues to be composed and exercise powers and duties as provided by law. Provides that the change of name does not affect any unfinished business of the bureau, nor does it affect the status of any law, document, or legal proceeding which refers to the bureau. Proposed law additionally provides that the terms of the bureau's governing board members shall not be affected.

Proposed law directs the La. Law State Institute to change the name of the bureau in other provisions of present law.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of the commission in East Baton Rouge Parish to levy and collect a tax upon the occupancy of hotel rooms as defined in present law (Act No. 62 of the 1972 R.S.) within the city of Baton Rouge and the parish of East Baton Rouge not to exceed the percentage set in present law (R.S. 33:4574.1.1(A)(6))

Proposed law repeals present law as Act No. 62 of the 1972 R.S. was repealed by Act No.1090 of the 1997 R.S.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:4574(B)(6) and (F)(1)(a) and (b)(v), 4574.1.1(A)(6) and (L), and 4574.16 (intro. para.); Repeals R.S. 33:4574.1.1(H))