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## DIGEST

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HB No. 410

**Abstract:** Changes the membership of the board of commissioners of the recreation district in Jackson Parish and provides that many of the powers of the recreation board are subject to review and approval by the parish police jury.

Present law generally authorizes parishes to create recreation districts and provides for a governing board of such a district comprised of five members or seven members. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law, relative to Jackson Parish, provides that the governing authority of the parish may provide that the board of commissioners of the recreation district consists of 10 members who are qualified voters and residents of the parish. Requires that each commissioner be a resident of a different municipality. Proposed law provides instead for a seven-member board of commissioners for the recreation district in Jackson Parish. Retains requirement that commissioners be qualified voters and residents of the parish, but requires that each be a resident of a different police jury district.

Present law, generally and relative to the Jackson Parish recreation district, provides that commissioners serve five-year staggered terms. Proposed law provides that commissioners serve three-year staggered terms.

Present law authorizes recreation districts, subject to voter approval, to levy an ad valorem tax not to exceed 15 mills for a period not to exceed 10 years for the purpose of maintaining and operating the district and to levy special maintenance taxes and issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing and acquiring lands, buildings, equipment, and other facilities, and for the construction and maintenance thereof. Provides that an election on such questions shall be called by the board of commissioners. Present law requires that the board of commissioners select a secretary-treasurer who is not a commissioner and fix the secretary-treasurer's salary and office expense allowance. Authorizes the board to appoint a director. Provides that commissioners shall receive a \$10 per diem for not more than 12 meetings per year.

Proposed law retains present law and its applicability to Jackson Parish except that proposed law provides that the recreation board is subject to the general supervisory authority of the Jackson Parish governing authority and that the recreation board shall not exercise any of the following powers except after review and approval by the parish governing authority:

- (1) Adopt a budget for the recreation district.

- (2) Make any change in the compensation or expenses of commissioners, the secretary-treasurer, and the director.
- (3) Call an election on a tax proposition.
- (4) Roll forward or roll back ad valorem tax millage rates.

Proposed law additionally authorizes the parish governing authority to annually set the ad valorem tax millage rate to be collected by the board, subject to limits otherwise provided by law.

Proposed law provides that terms of commissioners serving on the effective date of proposed law terminate and requires appointment of the board in accordance with proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:4564.5)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Makes changes to the initial terms of the district's new board members.