
DIGEST

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HB No. 1051

Abstract: Relative to the Downtown Development District of the city of Baton Rouge, makes changes to the boundaries and governing board of the district.

Present law authorizes the Metropolitan Council of the city of Baton Rouge and the parish of East Baton Rouge, with the approval of the mayor-president, to create the Downtown Development District of the city of Baton Rouge as a special taxing district within the city. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the boundaries of the district.

Present law provides that the board is composed of seven members, all of whom are required to be qualified voters of the parish of East Baton Rouge and have their principal place of business or profession in, or own property in, the district. Provides that members are appointed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed at-large by the mayor-president.
- (2) One member appointed by the mayor-president from a list of four nominees submitted by the Greater Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce.
- (3) One member appointed by the mayor-president from a list of four nominees submitted by the Riverside Association.
- (4) Two members appointed by the mayor-president from a list of six nominees submitted by the banking institutions located in the district.
- (5) One member appointed by the mayor-president who shall be a resident of Spanish Town.
- (6) One member appointed by the mayor-president who shall be a resident of Beauregard Town.

All appointments must be approved by the metro council.

Proposed law retains present law except removes banking institutions located in the district from the list of entities that submit nominations to the mayor-president for appointment. Replaces them with property owners or lessees of property located within the jurisdictional boundaries of

the district. Provides that the two members of the governing board appointed by the mayor-president from the list of nominees submitted by the banking institutions shall continue to serve until the expiration of their terms. Requires that their successors be appointed as provided in proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.8(A)(1) and (D)(1)(d))