

Existing law authorizes the governing authority 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.

New law expands the boundaries of the district.

Existing law provides that the district is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners. Requires that commissioners 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.

Prior law provided that two members of the board were appointed by the mayor-president from a list of six nominees submitted by the banking institutions located in the district.

New law 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 district. Provides that the two members of the governing board appointed 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 new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 31, 2012).

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