

Existing 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.

Existing law (R.S.33:4574(B)(6)) creates a tourist commission as a special district composed of all of the territory in East Baton Rouge Parish. Prior law designated the commission as the Baton Rouge Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

New law changes the name of the bureau to Visit Baton Rouge. 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. New law additionally provides that the terms of the bureau's governing board members shall not be affected.

Prior law authorized 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 prior 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 existing law (R.S. 33:4574.1.1(A)(6))

New law repeals prior law as Act No. 62 of the 1972 R.S. was repealed by Act No.1090 of the 1997 R.S.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 (May 25, 2012).

(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))