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HOUSE BILL NO. 204

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DOVE

FIRE PROTECT/FIREMEN: Provides relative to the governing board of the Bayou Cane Fire Protection District

AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1496(B)(5)(c), relative to Terrebonne Parish; to provide relative to the 3 governing board of the Bayou Cane Fire Protection District; to authorize an increase 4 in the membership of the governing board; and to provide for related matters. 5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published 6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of 7 Louisiana. 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1496(B)(5)(c) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 10 §1496. Appointment of members of board; term; vacancies 11 12 B. In the case of a district comprising all or part of a single parish, members 13 shall be appointed as follows: 14 15 (5) 16 17 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section or any other law to the 18 contrary, the governing authority of Terrebonne Parish may, by ordinance, provide that the board of commissioners of the Bayou Cane Fire Protection District shall 19 20 consist of seven members. An ordinance adopted pursuant to this Subparagraph

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1 <u>shall provide that the parish governing authority appoints the two additional</u>

2 <u>members and shall provide for the initial terms of such additional members.</u>

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## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Relative to the Bayou Cane Fire Protection District in Terrebonne Parish, increases the membership of the governing board <u>from</u> five <u>to</u> seven.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes parish governing authorities to create or enlarge fire protection districts in the manner and subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in <u>present</u> law.

<u>Present law</u> provides generally that fire protection districts are governed by a board of five commissioners that are appointed by the parish governing authority if no municipality is included within the boundaries of a district.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the governing authority of Terrebonne Parish to increase membership of the governing board of the Bayou Cane Fire Protection District <u>from</u> five to seven. Provides that the parish governing authority shall appoint such additional members and provide for their initial terms. <u>Proposed law</u> otherwise retains <u>present law</u>.

(Adds R.S. 40:1496(B)(5)(c))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Authorizes an increase in the number of members of the governing board of the Bayou Cane Fire Protection District rather than increasing such membership statutorily.