2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 364

BY REPRESENTATIVE HALL

DISTRICTS/ECONOMIC DEVEL: Provides relative to the governing board of the Alexandria Central Economic Development District

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(1) and (3) and to enact R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(6),
3	relative to the city of Alexandria; to provide relative to the Alexandria Central
4	Economic Development District; to provide relative to the governing board of the
5	district; to provide relative to the membership of the board; to provide relative to the
6	appointment and terms of board members; and to provide for related matters.
7	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8	as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9	Louisiana.
10	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
11	Section 1. R.S. $33:2740.46(C)(1)$ and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
12	33:2740.46(C)(6) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
13	§2740.46. Alexandria Central Economic Development District
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15	C. Governance. (1) The governing authority of the district shall be a board
16	consisting of nine seven members, referred to in this Section as the "board", all of
17	whom shall be qualified voters and residents of the city of Alexandria. The members
18	of the board shall be appointed as follows:
19	(a) Three members One member appointed by the mayor of the city of
20	Alexandria and confirmed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.

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

1	(b) Two members nominated One member appointed by the governing board	
2	of the Central Louisiana Business League and appointed by resolution duly adopted	
3	by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.	
4	(c) Two members nominated One member appointed by the governing	
5	authority of Rapides Parish and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority	
6	vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.	
7	(d) One member nominated appointed by the board of directors of the	
8	Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce and appointed by resolution duly adopted	
9	by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.	
10	(e) One member nominated by the governing board appointed jointly by the	
11	governing boards of the Rapides Regional Medical Center and the CHRISTUS St.	
12	Francis Cabrini Hospital appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of	
13	the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.	
14	(f) One member appointed by the Louisiana state representative who	
15	represents House District 26.	
16	(g) One member appointed by the Louisiana state senator who represents	
17	Senate District 29.	
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19	(3)(a) The twelve members of the board in office on the effective date of this	
20	Subparagraph shall continue to serve until the expiration of their then current terms.	
21	The members appointed to serve upon the expiration of such current terms shall be	
22	appointed as provided in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Subsection. Such members	
23	shall be appointed to four-year terms after initial terms as provided in Subparagraph	
24	(b) of this Paragraph.	
25	(b)(i) The three members appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria	
26	and confirmed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria shall serve initial	
27	terms of four years, three years, and two years, respectively, as designated by the	
28	mayor.	

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1	(ii) The two members nominated by the governing board of the Central
2	Louisiana Business League and appointed by the governing authority of the city of
3	Alexandria shall serve initial terms of four years and three years, respectively, as
4	designated by the governing board of the league.
5	(iii) The two members nominated by the governing authority of Rapides
6	Parish and appointed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria shall serve
7	initial terms of four years and three years, respectively, as designated by the
8	governing authority of Rapides Parish.
9	(iv) The member nominated by the board of directors of the Central
10	Louisiana Chamber of Commerce and appointed by the governing authority of the
11	city of Alexandria shall serve an initial term of two years.
12	(v) The member nominated by the governing board of the Rapides Regional
13	Medical Center and appointed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria
14	shall serve an initial term of one year.
15	(c) Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled in the
16	manner of the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. The
17	terms of the members of the board serving on the effective date of this Subparagraph
18	shall terminate on such date; however, any such member shall remain in office until
19	his successor is appointed and takes office. The successors of such members shall be
20	appointed as provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection and shall serve four-year
21	terms after initial terms as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.
22	(b) Two members shall serve an initial term of four years, two shall serve
23	three years, two shall serve two years, and one shall serve one year as determined by
24	lot at the first meeting of the board.
25	(c) Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled in the
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20	manner of the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.
27	<u>manner of the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.</u> (d) Board members shall be eligible for reappointment.

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(6) Board members shall serve without compensation.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the membership of the governing board of the Alexandria Central Economic Development District; makes changes to the appointment process and provides for the terms of board members.

<u>Present law</u> creates and provides for the Alexandria Central Economic Development District as a political subdivision of the state. Provides that the district is created for the primary purpose of redevelopment of the central business district. Provides for district boundaries.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the district is governed by a board consisting of nine members, all of whom shall be qualified voters and residents of the city of Alexandria. Provides that the board is composed as follows:

- (1) Three members appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria and confirmed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (2) Two members nominated by the governing board of the Central La. Business League and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (3) Two members nominated by the governing authority of Rapides Parish and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (4) One member nominated by the board of directors of the Central La. Chamber of Commerce and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (5) One member nominated by the governing board of the Rapides Regional Medical Center and appointed by resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.

<u>Proposed law</u> reduces the membership of the board of commissioners <u>from</u> nine <u>to</u> seven and provides that the board is composed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria and confirmed by the governing authority of the city of Alexandria.
- (2) One member appointed by the governing board of the Central La. Business League
- (3) One member appointed by the governing authority of Rapides Parish.
- (4) One member appointed by the board of directors of the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.

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- (5) One member appointed jointly by the governing boards of the Rapides Regional Medical Center and the CHRISTUS St. Francis Cabrini Hospital.
- (6) One member appointed by the La. state representative representing House District 26.
- (7) One member appointed by the La. state senator who represents Senate District 29.

<u>Present law</u> provides that members serve four-year staggered terms and provides for the initial terms.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for termination of terms of members serving on the effective date of <u>proposed law</u>. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that members serve four-year staggered terms after serving initial terms as follows: two members shall serve an initial term of four years, two shall serve three years, two shall serve two years, and one shall serve one year as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

<u>Proposed law</u> additionally provides that board members are eligible for reappointment and shall serve without compensation.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(1) and (3); Adds R.S. 33:2740.46(C)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Replace the governing authority of the city of Alexandria as an appointing authority with the La. state senator who represents Senate District 29.