

**ACT No. 432**

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 1051

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:2740.8(A)(1) and (D)(1)(d), relative to downtown development districts; to provide relative to the Downtown Development District of the city of Baton Rouge; to provide relative to the boundaries and the governing board of the district; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. 33:2740.8(A)(1) and (D)(1)(d) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2740.8. The downtown development district of the city of Baton Rouge; creation, composition and powers; preparation of plans, levy of special ad valorem taxes, and issuance of bonds and other instruments of indebtedness

A.(1) The Metropolitan Council of the city of Baton Rouge and the parish of East Baton Rouge, with the approval of the mayor-president, is authorized to create a special taxing district within the city of Baton Rouge comprised of all the territory within the following prescribed boundaries:

~~The western boundary of the district shall be the east bank of the Mississippi River; the northern boundary shall run east of the Mississippi River, behind the old Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, continuing along the bank of the Capitol Lake, extending down the Capitol Access Road to the I-110 Interstate highway; the eastern~~

1 boundary shall be the I-110 Interstate highway; and the southern boundary shall be  
 2 the I-10 Interstate highway and bridge over the Mississippi River

3 West boundary at the Mississippi River immediately south of the Old  
 4 Municipal Dock, east to River Road, east to Terrace Avenue, east to Nicholson  
 5 Drive, north to Myrtle Avenue, east to Kansas City Line Railroad (eastern  
 6 boundary), north along railroad to Choctaw Drive, west along railroad, following  
 7 curve of railroad near River Road, south on railroad, west to river at Eiland Street  
 8 (north boundary of River Park development site), south along Mississippi River back  
 9 to southern edge of Old Municipal Dock.

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11 D.(1) The board shall be composed of seven members, all of whom shall be  
 12 qualified voters of the parish of East Baton Rouge, and shall have their principal  
 13 place of business or profession in, or own property in, the Downtown Development  
 14 District. The seven members shall be appointed as follows:

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16 (d) Two members of the board shall be appointed by the mayor-president,  
 17 with the approval of the metro council, from a list of six nominees submitted by ~~the~~  
 18 banking institutions located in the district property owners and lessees of property  
 19 located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the district.

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21 Section 2. The two members of the governing board of the Downtown Development  
 22 District appointed by the mayor-president, with the approval of the metro council, from a  
 23 list of six nominees submitted by the banking institutions located in the district shall  
 24 continue to serve until the expiration of their terms. Each successor of such a member shall  
 25 be appointed as provided in R.S. 33:2740.8(D)(1)(d) as amended by this Act.

1           Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_