

SENATE BILL NO. 745

BY SENATORS GRAY, CROWE, DUPLESSIS, MURRAY, QUINN AND SHEPHERD
AND REPRESENTATIVES ABRAMSON, GISCLAIR, HARDY,
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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9039.66(A)(1), (B), and (E), 9039.68(B)(3), and 9039.72(B)
3 and to enact R.S. 33:9039.68(A)(16), relative to the Greater New Orleans Bioscience
4 Economic Development District; to provide for the board of commissioners; to
5 provide for general powers; to provide for the promulgation of bylaws; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:9039.66(A)(1), (B), and (E), 9039.68(B)(3), and 9039.72(B) are
10 hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:9039.68(A)(16) is hereby enacted to read as
11 follows:

12 §9039.66. Board of commissioners; members; officers; advisory committee

13 A.(1) The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners referred to
14 in this Chapter as the "board" consisting of thirteen members comprised of the
15 following:

16 (a) The president of the Louisiana State University System or his designee.

17 (b) The president of Tulane University ~~Health Sciences Center~~ or the
18 president's designee.

19 (c) The president of Xavier University or the president's designee.

20 (d) The chancellor of Delgado Community College or the chancellor's
21 designee.

22 (e) The mayor of the city of New Orleans or the mayor's designee.

23 (f) Three appointments by the mayor of the city of New Orleans from
24 nominees submitted by Greater New Orleans, Inc., the New Orleans Chamber of

1 Commerce, and the New Orleans Business Council.

2 (g) Four appointed by the governor, at least two of which shall be residents
3 of Orleans Parish.

4 (h) The secretary of the Department of Economic Development or the
5 secretary's designee.

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7 B. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, the term of office of
8 members of the board shall be six years. The initial term for the appointee nominated
9 by the New Orleans Business Council shall be two years. The initial term for the
10 appointee nominated by the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce shall be four years.
11 The initial term for the appointee nominated by Greater New Orleans, Inc., shall be
12 six years. The governor's at-large appointments shall serve initial terms of two years,
13 three years, four years, and six years as designated by the governor. The governor,
14 the secretary of the Department of Economic Development, and the mayor of the city
15 of New Orleans shall each serve concurrently with their term in office. ~~No~~
16 ~~individual may serve as a member of the board if such individual is affiliated with~~
17 ~~any private institution or organization represented on the board pursuant to this~~
18 ~~Section or with a right to appoint or nominate members to the board~~ **No two**
19 **individuals employed by or serving as a voting member of the governing board**
20 **of the same institution or organization represented on the district board of**
21 **commissioners pursuant to this Section may serve on the board simultaneously.**

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23 E. The board shall elect yearly from its number a chairman, vice chairman,
24 and secretary-treasurer and establish their duties as may be regulated in bylaws
25 adopted by the board. The board shall meet in regular session **at least** once each
26 ~~month~~ **quarter** and also shall meet in special session as convened by the chairman,
27 or upon written notice of two-thirds of the members. A majority of the members of
28 the board shall constitute a quorum. All actions of the board shall be approved by the
29 affirmative vote of a majority of the board **members present at the meeting.**

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1 §9039.68. General powers

2 A. In addition to the powers and duties elsewhere granted in this Chapter, the
3 board is hereby granted and shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or
4 convenient for the carrying out of its objects and purposes, including but not limited
5 to the following:

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7 (16) The promulgation of bylaws which are consistent with the provisions
8 of this Chapter.

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10 B.

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12 (3) The territorial jurisdiction or boundaries of the district shall not be
13 expanded or extended and no subdistrict shall be created to include any area which
14 is not entirely contained within the ~~parish of Orleans~~ New Orleans Metropolitan
15 Statistical Area.

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17 §9039.72. Projects

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19 B. The board shall ~~form a development and finance committee to,~~ through
20 promulgation of bylaws adopted by the board, form committees to create a
21 biosciences development and job creation plan for each project ~~composed of~~
22 ~~representatives of the four educational institutions having representatives on the~~
23 ~~board of directors, the mayor of the city of New Orleans or the mayor's designee, one~~
24 ~~of the appointees of the governor, as designated by the governor, one representative~~
25 ~~at a minimum from Greater New Orleans, Inc., the New Orleans Chamber of~~
26 ~~Commerce, or New Orleans Business Council and individuals with expertise in the~~
27 ~~areas of banking, finance, real estate, construction management, and project~~
28 ~~development and related fields.~~ The board, through the promulgation of bylaws,
29 shall provide for the membership of the respective committees and their size and
30 duties shall be established by the board and shall, and shall include mandatory

1 review and approval of all development projects. Such committee shall also have
2 primary responsibility for due diligence regarding such projects under guidelines
3 established by this Chapter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____