
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to appointments to the governing board of the Shreveport Downtown Development District.

Present law creates the Shreveport Downtown Development District, which is governed by a board known as the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority.

Present law provides that one of the members of the authority is appointed by the mayor of Shreveport, subject to city council confirmation, from a list of nominees submitted by the state senators from districts 37 and 39 and the state representative from district 4.

Proposed law provides instead that this appointment shall be made by the mayor from nominations made by any state senator and any state representative whose legislative district encompasses a portion of the area of the downtown development district.

Present law, which is retained by proposed law, provides that the authority also includes the mayor and the authority's executive director as nonvoting members and the six other mayoral appointments, subject to city council confirmation, as follows:

- (1) One from nominees submitted to the mayor by Downtown Shreveport Unlimited.
- (2) One from nominees submitted by the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce or its successor.
- (3) One from nominees submitted by the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

(4) One from nominees submitted by the Downtown Shreveport Development Corp.

(5) Two from nominees submitted by Shreveport city council members.

(Amends R.S. 33:2740.38(C)(1)(e))