

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 280

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DISTRICTS/AIRPORT: Provides for the membership of the board of commissioners for airport districts

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 2:319(A), relative to airport districts; to provide for the  
3 governing authority of airport districts; to provide for the membership of the board  
4 of commissioners of certain airport districts; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 2:319(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §319. Governing authority in district composed of land in one parish

8 A. Except as otherwise provided by law, the governing authority of an  
9 airport district composed of land situated in only one parish may either be the  
10 governing body of the parish in which the district is located, in which case the  
11 officers of the parish governing body shall be the officers of the airport district, or  
12 the governing body of the parish creating the airport district, may, in the resolution  
13 creating the airport district provided for in R.S. 2:316, provide that a board of  
14 commissioners composed of either five ~~or~~ seven, or nine members, so designated  
15 at the option of the governing body of the parish creating the airport district, shall be  
16 the governing authority of the airport district and shall be selected by the governing  
17 body of the parish creating the airport district. The governing body of any parish  
18 which has heretofore created an airport district prior to August 21, 1975, and is  
19 serving as the governing authority of such airport district may elect to appoint a  
20 board of commissioners as the governing authority of such airport district; however,

1 such election shall not have the effect of affecting or impairing in any manner any  
 2 obligations incurred by the airport district prior to such election, and shall not relieve  
 3 the governing body of the parish of any liability with respect to any outstanding  
 4 obligations incurred for airport purposes prior to such election, nor shall the newly  
 5 appointed board of commissioners be deemed to have assumed any obligations  
 6 incurred by the governing body of the parish for airport purposes prior to their  
 7 appointment.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the creation of a nine-member board of commissioners of an airport district.

Present law provides that the governing authority of an airport district composed of land situated in only one parish may either be the governing body of the parish in which the district is located or a board of commissioners created by the governing body of the parish that created the airport district.

Present law specifies that if a board of commissioners is created, the board shall be composed of either five or seven members, so designated at the option of the governing body of the parish and shall be selected by the governing body of the parish.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the authority for the governing body of the parish to create a board of commissioners composed of nine members.

(Amends R.S. 2:319(A))