

Regular Session, 2010

ACT No. 87

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart B-4-A of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised
3 Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 33:130.81 through 130.83, relative to the
4 Wards 4 and 6 Economic Development Board in Beauregard Parish; to establish the
5 board; to provide for appointment of members to the board; to provide the powers
6 and duties of the board; 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. Subpart B-4-A of Part IV of Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the Louisiana
12 Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 33:130.81 through 130.83, is hereby enacted
13 to read as follows:

14 SUBPART B-4-A. WARDS 4 AND 6 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF

15 BEAUREGARD PARISH

16 §130.81. Wards 4 and 6 Economic Development Board of Beauregard Parish;
17 creation; purpose

18 The Wards 4 and 6 Economic Development Board of Beauregard Parish is
19 hereby created. The primary purpose of the board shall be to promote, encourage,
20 and participate in economic development activities for wards 4 and 6 of Beauregard
21 Parish. These activities include but shall not be limited to endeavors that will
22 accomplish or enhance the opportunity for any of the following:

- 23 (1) Growth, development, and prosperity of the wards 4 and 6 area.
- 24 (2) Development of existing commercial structures.

1 (3) Development of underutilized resources.

2 (4) Development of the tax base.

3 (5) Coordination of public and private programs.

4 §130.82. Composition of the board

5 A. The Wards 4 and 6 Economic Development Board of Beauregard Parish

6 shall be composed of members selected as follows:

7 (1) One member shall be appointed by the Louisiana state senator or senators
8 who represent any part of ward 4 or 6 of Beauregard Parish.

9 (2) Two members shall be appointed by the Louisiana state representative
10 or representatives who represent any part of ward 4 or 6 of Beauregard Parish.

11 (3) One member shall be appointed by the Beauregard Parish School Board
12 member or members who represent any part of ward 4 or 6 of Beauregard Parish.

13 (4) Three members shall be appointed by the member or members of the
14 governing authority of Beauregard Parish who represent any part of ward 4 or 6 of
15 Beauregard Parish.

16 B.(1) Members shall serve four-year terms after initial terms as provided in
17 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection.

18 (2) One member shall serve an initial term of one year; two shall serve an
19 initial term of two years; two shall serve an initial term of three years; and two shall
20 serve initial terms of four years. The initial terms of the respective members shall
21 be determined by lot at the first meeting of the board.

22 C. Members shall serve without compensation.

23 D. Any vacancy in the membership of the board shall be filled in the manner
24 of the original appointment. In the event that the entity responsible for the
25 appointment of a member fails to fill a vacancy within thirty days, the remaining
26 members of the board shall appoint an interim successor to serve until the position
27 is filled by the appointing entity.

28 E. Any member of the board may be removed by a majority vote of the
29 board, but only for cause on charges proffered against him in writing and after public

1 hearing. Any member so removed shall have the right to appeal his removal to a
 2 court of competent jurisdiction within ten days of the decision ordering his removal.

3 F. Members shall be eligible for reappointment, unless they have been
 4 removed from office in the manner provided in this Section.

5 §130.83. Powers and functions of the board

6 The board shall have the following powers and functions:

7 (1) Make recommendations and provide relevant information about the
 8 wards 4 and 6 area concerning such matters as:

9 (a) Natural and environmental conditions, trends of industrial population,
 10 developments, and the culture of the people.

11 (b) Land use in the area.

12 (c) The need for and the proposed general locations of commercial, mixed
 13 use, public, or private works and facilities in the area.

14 (2) Make or assist in studies of the resources of the wards 4 and 6 area and
 15 the problems affecting the development of the area and make such studies available
 16 to the public. In making such studies, the board may seek assistance from public or
 17 private sources.

18 (3) Prepare, maintain, and make available listings of the resources of the
 19 wards 4 and 6 area and of the major public and private works which affect the
 20 development of the area.

21 (4) Provide information in order to foster public awareness and
 22 understanding of the purpose of the board and to stimulate public interest and
 23 participation in the development of the area.

24 (5) Accept the donation of public or private grants and services.

25 (6) Solicit the assistance of industry and private civic organizations in the
 26 control and reduction of litter in the area and encourage participation in the "adopt-a-
 27 road" program as provided in R.S. 48:235 for the purpose of controlling litter along
 28 the highways of the area.

29 (7) Hold public hearings and sponsor public forums.

1 (8) Exercise all other powers necessary and proper for the discharge of its
2 function.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____