

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 955

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

HOUSING/AUTHORITIES: Provides relative to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4720.55(D)(2) and 4720.56(20) and to enact  
3 R.S. 33:4720.56(21), relative to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority; to  
4 provide relative to the membership of the governing board; to provide relative to the  
5 powers and duties of the authority; and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:4720.55(D)(2) and 4720.56(20) are hereby amended and  
11 reenacted and R.S. 33:4720.56(21) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §4720.55. Creation of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority by local option

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14 D. Upon the certification of a resolution declaring the need for an authority  
15 to operate, as set forth in this Section, the mayor of the city of New Orleans shall  
16 appoint as commissioners of the authority with the advice and consent of the city  
17 council of the city of New Orleans, eleven citizens who shall be qualified electors  
18 of the municipality as follows:

19 \* \* \*

1 (2) ~~Four~~ Five additional commissioners shall be appointed from the city at  
2 large.

3 \* \* \*

4 §4720.56. Authority

5 The New Orleans Redevelopment Authority shall have all the authority and  
6 power necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and  
7 provisions of this Chapter, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing,  
8 the following authority which shall be in addition to others herein granted:

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10 (20) To make decisions and conduct all activities to meet the triple bottom  
11 line development objectives of equity, economics, and environment.

12 (21) To exercise all or any part or combination of powers granted to it in this  
13 Chapter.

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15 Section 2. The additional commissioner appointed pursuant to R.S.  
16 33:4720.55(D)(2) as amended by this Act shall serve an initial term of three years.

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

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DIGEST

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Leger HB No. 955

**Abstract:** Provides relative to the governance and powers and duties of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority.

Present law authorizes the city of New Orleans, for the purposes of present law, to formulate a workable program for community improvement and for utilizing appropriate private and public resources to eliminate and prevent the development or spread of slums and urban blight, to encourage needed rehabilitation, and to provide for the redevelopment of slum or

blighted areas or to undertake other feasible municipal activities as may be suitably employed to achieve the objectives of such workable program.

Present law provides for the creation of the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority. Provides that the authority, to the greatest extent it determines to be feasible in carrying out the provisions of present law, shall afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the city of New Orleans as a whole, to provide for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the community improvement area by private enterprise.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the mayor of the city of New Orleans to appoint as commissioners of the authority, with the advice and consent of the city council of the city of New Orleans, eleven citizens who shall be qualified electors of the municipality as follows:

- (1) Seven commissioners shall be appointed, one from each councilmanic district of the city and two from the city at large.
- (2) Four additional commissioners shall be appointed from the city at large.

Requires members to serve five-year staggered terms.

Proposed law provides for an additional commissioner to be appointed from the city at large. Provides that the additional commissioner shall serve a five-year term. Proposed law otherwise retains membership of the authority.

Present law provides relative to the powers and duties of the authority including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To undertake and carry out community improvement projects and related activities in accordance with the city's comprehensive plan within its area of operation and to make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its authority pursuant to proposed law; and to disseminate slum clearance and community improvement information.
- (2) To provide or to arrange or contract for the furnishing or repair by any person or agency, public or private, of services, privileges, works, streets, roads, public utilities, or other facilities for or in connection with a community improvement project.
- (3) To acquire real property in a community improvement area, demolish and remove any structures on the property, and pay all costs related to the acquisition, demolition, or removal, including any administrative or relocation expenses.
- (4) To prepare plans for and assist in the relocation of persons (including individuals, families, business concerns, nonprofit organizations, and others) displaced from a community improvement area and to make relocation payments to or with respect to such persons for moving and readjustment expenses and losses of property for which reimbursement or compensation is not otherwise made.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally authorizes the authority to make decisions and conduct all activities to meet the triple bottom line development objectives of equity, economics, and environment.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:4720.55(D)(2) and 4720.56(20); Adds R.S. 33:4720.56(21))