

## House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

Minutes of Meeting  
2014 Regular Session  
May 15, 2014

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Austin J. Badon, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Austin J. Badon, Jr., Chairman  
Representative Robert E. Billiot, Vice Chair  
Representative Regina Ashford Barrow  
Representative John A. Berthelot  
Representative Wesley T. Bishop  
Representative Terry R. Brown  
Representative Roy A. Burrell  
Representative Michael E. Danahay  
Representative Kenneth E. Havard  
Representative Dalton W. Honoré  
Representative Barbara M. Norton  
Representative Stephen J. Ortego  
Representative Stephen E. Pugh  
Representative Thomas P. Willmott  
Representative Ebony Woodruff

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Taylor F. Barras

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tina Righteous, Committee Attorney  
Valarie Banks, Committee Secretary  
Renita McKnight, Committee Clerk  
David Gauthier, Central Staff Legislative Analyst

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Vanessa Forrest, Sergeant at Arms

### III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

#### **Senate Bill No. 648 by Senator Dorsey-Colomb**

Senator Dorsey-Colomb presented Senate Bill No. 648, which creates and provides for the Old LNB Building Redevelopment District in East Baton Rouge Parish.

Mr. Davis Rhorer, representing Downtown Development, 247 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 389-5526; Mr. Bud Courson and Mr. Jim Nickel, representing Wampold Companies, 457 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, LA; Mr. Mike Wampold, representing Wampold Companies, 4171 Essen Ln #450, Baton Rouge, LA 70809; and Mr. Jordan B. Monsour, representing Wampold Companies and Butler Snow, 445 North Boulevard, Suite 810, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 325-8703, were present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Barrow offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 648 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 648 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

#### **Senate Bill No. 674 by Senator Nevers**

At the request of Senator Nevers, Senator Dorsey-Colomb presented Senate Bill No. 674, which provides relative to incorporation of unincorporated areas.

Representative Billiot offered a set of amendments that added Jefferson to the list of parishes exempted from proposed law. Representative Billiot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Representative Berthelot offered a set of amendments that added Livingston to the list of parishes exempted from proposed law. Representative Berthelot offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Representative Havard offered a set of amendments that added East Feliciana to the list of parishes exempted from proposed law. Representative Havard offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

Mr. Bud Courson and Mr. Jim Nickel, representing Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 453 Lafayette Street, Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 346-6900; Ms. Paulette Bailey-Wilson, representing Louisiana Municipal Association, 4919 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 103, Baton Rouge, LA 70808; Mr. George Marretta, representing Louisiana Municipal Association, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 344-5001; and Mr. Roland Dartez, representing Police Jury Association of Louisiana, 707 North 7th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (225) 343-2835, were present in support of the bill but declined to speak.

Representative Wesley Bishop offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 674 with amendments. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 674 was reported with amendments by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Billiot, Wesley Bishop, Brown, Burrell, Danahay, Havard, Honoré, Norton, Ortego, Pugh, Willmott, and Woodruff voted yea.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **Approval of 2013 Regular Session committee meeting minutes**

Representative Badon offered a motion to approve the 2013 Regular Session minutes of meetings held on April 18, 2013; April 25, 2013; May 2, 2013; May 15, 2013; and May 22, 2013. Without objection, the motion to approve the 2013 Regular Session meeting minutes passed by a vote of 9 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Badon, Barrow, Berthelot, Wesley Bishop, Burrell, Havard, Honoré, Norton, and Woodruff voted yea.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Austin J. Badon, Jr., Chairman

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Adopted April 22, 2015