

CHAPTER 3-B. RAPIDES PARISH CEMETERY DISTRICT

§ 131. Rapides Parish Cemetery District; creation; location

A. The Rapides Parish Police Jury is hereby authorized to create the Rapides Parish Cemetery District, referred to in this Chapter as the "district", to be composed of that part of Rapides Parish located outside the incorporated municipalities of the parish. The objective and purpose of the district shall be the preservation and restoration of ancestral resting places and abandoned or historic cemeteries, thereby preserving heritage and encouraging tourism.

B. The Rapides Parish Cemetery District shall not have any jurisdiction with respect to privately maintained cemeteries, or association cemeteries which have perpetual care and are regulated by the Louisiana Cemetery Board.

Added by Acts 1989, No. 11, § 1. Amended by Acts 2022, No. 574, § 1

§131.1. Board of commissioners; membership; appointment; vacancies; removal of members; officers

A. The Rapides Parish Cemetery District shall be governed by a board of nine commissioners, referred to in this Chapter as the board, who shall be qualified voters and residents of the district and who shall serve without compensation. The police jury shall appoint one commissioner from each of the police jury districts. Three of the initial commissioners appointed shall serve for two years, three for three years, and three for four years.

B. At the expiration of their respective terms of office, the successors to the initial terms shall be appointed, within sixty days thereof, for four-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Subsection A of this Section. Any member of the board may be removed for cause and his appointment rescinded by two-thirds vote of the elected membership of the police jury.

C. At its first meeting, the board shall elect one of its members chairman, and may, in its discretion, elect other officers from the membership. Meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be specified by call of the chairman.

Added by Acts 1989, No. 11, § 1. Amended by Acts 2022, No. 574, § 1

§ 131.2. Powers and duties of the board; grants; donations

The Rapides Parish Cemetery District, through its board of directors, shall have and may exercise all powers and duties necessary or convenient for carrying out its purposes, excepting the power of taxation. These powers of the district shall include, but not be limited to, the power to secure federal, state, local, or private donations, or grants for the restoration of cemeteries, including the fencing of same.

Added by Acts 1989, No. 11, § 1.