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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 863, L.D. 2261, Bill, "An Act to Make Technical Changes in the Law Authorizing the Capital Riverfront Improvement District"

Amend the bill in section 2 in the first indented paragraph in the 5th and 6th lines (page 1, lines 14 and 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "elect a chair" and inserting in its place the following: 'elect a-chair cochair, one of whom is a member representing the State and one of whom is a member representing the City of Augusta'

Further amend the bill in section 4 in section 6 by striking out all of the last underlined sentence (page 1, lines 30 to 33 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'Once, prior to August 31, 2000, the governing board may recommend and extend the Capital Riverfront Improvement District boundaries as long as the new boundaries are adopted by the Augusta Planning Board and the Augusta City Council. The district boundaries established as of August 31, 2000 may not be altered without the approval of the Legislature.'

Further amend the bill in section 5 in section 9 in the first to the 6th lines (page 1, lines 37 to 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Sec. 9. Master plan report; annual report. The governing board of the district shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 31 April 15, 2000. The report must contain a district master plan and details of the district's public hearing process in developing the district master plan." and inserting in its place the following: 'Sec. 9. Annual report. The governing board of the district shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on

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~~State and Local Government by January 31, 2000. The report must contain a district master plan and details of the district's public hearing process in developing the district master plan.~~

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 6.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may result in the expansion of the Capital Riverfront Improvement District, but it does not affect the cap on the amount of securities that the district may issue.

An increase in the number of members in the governing board, if approved by the governing board, may increase the costs incurred by the State for participation in governing board activities. Any costs associated with this additional participation are expected to be minor and can be absorbed by the affected state agencies.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report. It requires the district governing board to elect cochaurs. The amendment also authorizes the district to alter the district boundaries once prior to August 31, 2000 without legislative approval. The amendment also deletes a reporting requirement on the district master plan to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.