

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 625

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS: Changes the composition of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1801(A)(1), (2), and (3), relative to the composition of the  
3 Avoyelles Parish Port Commission; to provide for the selection process and term of  
4 commissioners; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 34:1801(A)(1), (2), and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
10 read as follows:

11 §1801. Creation of Avoyelles Parish Port Commission

12 A.(1) There is hereby created a commission to be known as the Avoyelles  
13 Parish Port Commission, which shall be composed of ~~nine~~ five members, at least  
14 ~~three~~ one of whom shall be minorities a minority, ~~with one member domiciled in~~  
15 ~~each police jury district~~ who shall serve without compensation and who shall be  
16 appointed, ~~subject to Senate confirmation~~, as follows:

17 (2)(a) ~~Each member~~ The members of the police jury of Avoyelles Parish  
18 shall ~~submit a list of three nominees from his respective district to~~ select two  
19 commissioners, the Town of Simmesport shall select one commissioner, the  
20 representative representing House District Twenty-Eight shall select one

1 commissioner, and the senator ~~senators~~ representing Senate District Twenty-Eight;  
2 and ~~the senator representing~~ Senate District Thirty-Two shall, collectively, select one  
3 commissioner. Each ~~nominee~~ commissioner shall be domiciled in the ~~police jury~~  
4 ~~district that the police jury member represents~~ Avoyelles Parish.

5 (b) ~~A majority of the legislators consisting of the representative representing~~  
6 ~~House District Twenty-Eight, the senator representing Senate District Twenty-Eight,~~  
7 ~~and the senator representing Senate District Thirty-Two shall appoint one nominee~~  
8 ~~from each list of nominees submitted to serve as commissioners.~~

9 (3)(a) The initial commissioners appointed following the effective date of  
10 this Paragraph shall serve until January 12, 2020. Thereafter, ~~any commissioner~~  
11 commissioners appointed shall serve ~~a term of four years~~ staggered terms as  
12 provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. The term shall end on January 31st  
13 of the termed year. The selection process shall commence February 1st and be  
14 completed within thirty days.

15 (b)(i) The commissioners shall serve staggered terms as follows: two  
16 members shall serve a term of two years; two members shall serve a term of three  
17 years; and one member shall serve a term of four years. Every four years new  
18 commissioners shall be appointed as provided in this Subparagraph.

19 (ii) The terms of the respective members shall be determined from a  
20 selection by lot at the first meeting of the board.

21 (iii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, "selection by lot" shall mean a  
22 random selection from the pool of chosen commissioners.

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24 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
25 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
26 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
27 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
28 effective on the day following such approval.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 625 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Modifies the composition of the commissioners, the selection process, and the terms of Avoyelles Parish Port Commissioners.

Present law establishes a commission, known as the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission, to be composed of nine members. Requires three members be minorities, one member be domiciled in each police jury district to serve without compensation, and requires the appointment be by Senate confirmation.

Proposed law changes the number of commissioners from nine to five and changes the number of required minority members from three to one. Proposed law modifies present law to no longer require one member be domiciled in each police jury district nor appointments be subject to Senate confirmation.

Present law requires each member of the police jury of Avoyelles Parish to submit a list of three nominees from his respective district to the legislators representing House District 28, Senate District 28, and Senate District 32, and requires a majority of the legislators to appoint one nominee from each list of nominees to serve as commissioners.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring the police jury to select two commissioners, the Town of Simmesport to select one commissioner, the representative of House District 28 to select one commissioner, and the senators representing Senate District 28 and Senate District 32 to collectively select one commissioner.

Present law requires any commissioners appointed to serve a term of four years.

Proposed law requires the commissioners to be appointed every four years and serve staggered terms as follows:

- (1) Two members will serve a term of two years.
- (2) Two members will serve a term of three years.
- (3) One members will serve a term of four years.

Proposed law requires the terms of the respective members to be determined by a random selection at the first meeting of the board. Proposed law requires the term end on Jan. 31st of the termed year, the selection process to commence on Feb. 1st, and the selection process to be completed within 30 days.

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

(Amends R.S. 34:1801(A)(1), (2), and (3))