

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 853

2016 Regular Session

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

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds that at least one member of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission is required to be a minority.
2. Provides that each member of the police jury of Avoyelles Parish is required to submit a list of at least two nominees for commissioners, and not more than three nominees, at least one of whom is a minority rather than submitting a list of three nominees for commissioners.
3. Requires a majority of the legislators consisting of the representative representing House District 28, the senator representing Senate District 28, and the senator representing Senate District 32 appoint one nominee from each list of nominees submitted pursuant to proposed law to serve as commissioners.
4. Adds that if the president is not appointed to the commission pursuant to proposed law, then the president of the commission on the effective date of proposed law will be an ex-officio non-voting member of the commission who will serve until Jan. 1, 2020.
5. Makes a technical change.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law creates the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission is composed of seven members who shall serve without compensation and who shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) Four commissioners appointed by the governing authority of the parish of Avoyelles.
- (2) Two commissioners appointed by the governing authority of the town of Simmesport.
- (3) One commissioner elected by the appointed commissioners at their initial meeting.

Present law provides that commissioners are appointed for terms of six years.

Proposed law removes present law and instead provides that the commission would be composed of nine members and at least one of whom is a minority who shall serve without compensation and who would be appointed, subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law requires each member of the police jury of Avoyelles Parish to submit a list of at least two nominees, and not more than three nominees, at least one of whom is a minority, from his respective district to the representative representing House District 28, the senator representing Senate District 28, and the senator representing Senate District 32. Each nominee would be required to be domiciled in the police jury district that the police jury

member represents.

Proposed law requires a majority of the legislators consisting of the representative representing House District 28, the senator representing Senate District 28, and the senator representing Senate District 32 to appoint one nominee from each list of nominees submitted to serve as commissioners.

Proposed law provides that if the president is not appointed to the commission pursuant to proposed law, then the president of the commission on the effective date of proposed law will be an ex-officio non-voting member of the commission who will serve until Jan. 1, 2020.

Proposed law requires that the initial commissioners appointed following the effective date of proposed law would serve until Jan. 12, 2020. Thereafter, any commissioner appointed would serve a terms of four years.

(Amends R.S. 34:1801)