
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the governor ensure that gubernatorial appointments to the Red River Waterway Commission are reflective of the entirety of the demographic makeup of the seven parishes that comprise the commission.

Present law requires the governor appoint four members-at-large to the Red River Waterway Commission who are residents of, own real property subject to taxation in, and are qualified voters of the seven parishes in the district.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring the governor ensure that gubernatorial appointments are reflective of the entirety of the demographic makeup of the seven parishes that comprise the district.

Present law requires the police jury of each parish, the governing body of each levee district situated wholly or partly in the district, and the Red River Valley Assoc. to nominate one person each for appointment to the commission.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the number of nominees from one to four. Also, requires the nominations be made in a manner that ensures the nominations are reflective of the entirety of the demographic makeup of the seven parishes that comprise the district.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the commission to calculate the demographic makeup of the entirety of the seven parishes that comprise the district based upon the most recent federal decennial census, and report this information to the governor's office, the police jury of each parish in the district, the governing body of each levee district situated wholly or partly in the district, and the Red River Valley Assoc.

Proposed law requires the secretary to perform this calculation for the current term no later than Sept. 1, 2017, and thereafter, perform this function by Aug. 1st of the year in which the federal decennial census is reported.

(Amends R.S. 34:2303(A)(2) and (C); Adds R.S. 34:2303(F))