

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 20

BY SENATORS WARD AND WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS. Provides relative to meetings, election of officers, and per diem for members of the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission. (8/1/17)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 34:1221(A) and 1222, relative to  
3 ports, harbors, and terminals; to provide relative to meetings, election of officers, and  
4 per diem for members of the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission; and to provide  
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 34:1221(A) and 1222 are hereby  
8 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1221. Creation of Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission; ~~per diem; number of~~  
10 ~~days per diem allowed~~ **members**

11 A. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the Greater Baton  
12 Rouge Port Commission which shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by  
13 the governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. ~~The members shall~~  
14 ~~receive per diem; provided, however, that the per diem of each member shall not~~  
15 ~~exceed seventy-five dollars per day during the time the member is in actual~~  
16 ~~attendance upon the board, or performing duties authorized by the board. The per~~  
17 ~~diem shall be payable for a maximum of twenty-four days per year, except if an~~

1 ~~emergency is declared by the governor. During the period of an emergency as~~  
 2 ~~determined by the governor, the commission shall be authorized to hold as many~~  
 3 ~~meetings or emergency activities as the commission deems necessary and the~~  
 4 ~~members shall be paid per diem for such meetings or activities. Members shall be~~  
 5 appointed as follows:

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7 §1222. Officers of the board; meetings; **quorum; per diem**

8 The commission shall elect from among its own members **at its regularly**  
 9 **scheduled meeting each November**, a president, a vice president, a secretary, and  
 10 a treasurer, whose respective duties shall be prescribed by the commission. At the  
 11 option of the commission the offices of the secretary and treasurer may be held by  
 12 one person. The commission shall meet in regular ~~session as provided in R.S.~~  
 13 ~~34:1221~~ **sessions** and shall also meet in special ~~session~~ **sessions** at the call of the  
 14 president of the commission, or on the written request of five members of the  
 15 commission. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a  
 16 quorum and all action or resolutions of the commission ~~must~~ **shall** be approved by  
 17 the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of all members of the commission.  
 18 The commission shall prescribe rules to govern its meetings and shall fix the place  
 19 at which meetings shall be held. **The members shall receive per diem set by the**  
 20 **commission, not to exceed three hundred dollars, during the time the member**  
 21 **is in actual attendance upon the board, or performing duties authorized by the**  
 22 **board. The per diem shall be payable for a maximum of twenty-four days per**  
 23 **year, except when an emergency is declared by the governor. During the period**  
 24 **of an emergency as determined by the governor, the commission shall be**  
 25 **authorized to hold as many meetings or emergency activities as the commission**  
 26 **deems necessary and the members shall be paid per diem for such meetings or**  
 27 **activities.**

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The original instrument was prepared by Sharon F. Lyles. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Ann S. Brown.

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DIGEST

SB 20 Reengrossed                      2017 Regular Session                      Ward

Present law creates the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission, composed of 15 members appointed by the governor, and provides for per diem for each member not to exceed \$75 per day during the time a member is in actual attendance upon the board, or performing duties authorized by the board; provides for payment of per diem for a maximum of 24 days per year, except when an emergency is declared by the governor; provides for an unlimited number of emergency meetings or emergency activities as the commission deems necessary and requires payment of per diem to members for such meetings or activities.

Present law requires commission members to elect the following officers from among its members: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer; provides an option for the offices of secretary and treasurer to be held by one person; requires the commission to meet in regular and special session at the call of the commission's president or upon written request of five commission members; provides that a quorum is a majority of members of the commission and that all action or resolutions of the commission shall be approved by affirmative votes of not less than a majority of all members of the commission; provides for the commission to prescribe rules to govern its meetings and to fix the place of its meetings.

Proposed law changes present law to require election of officers at the commission's regularly scheduled meeting each November, and changes per diem from \$75 to a per diem set by the commission, not to exceed \$300.00.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 34:1221(A)(intro para) and 1222)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Provides that the per diem set by the commission shall not exceed three hundred dollars.