

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.

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~~
18 ~~emergency is declared by the governor. During the period of an emergency as~~
19 ~~determined by the governor, the commission shall be authorized to hold as many~~
20 ~~meetings or emergency activities as the commission deems necessary and the~~
21 ~~members shall be paid per diem for such meetings or activities.~~ Members shall be
22 appointed as follows:

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1 §1222. Officers of the board; meetings; **quorum; per diem**

2 The commission shall elect from among its own members **at its regularly**
 3 **scheduled meeting each November,** a president, a vice president, a secretary, and
 4 a treasurer, whose respective duties shall be prescribed by the commission. At the
 5 option of the commission the offices of the secretary and treasurer may be held by
 6 one person. The commission shall meet in regular ~~session as provided in R.S.~~
 7 ~~34:1221~~ **sessions** and shall also meet in special ~~session~~ **sessions** at the call of the
 8 president of the commission, or on the written request of five members of the
 9 commission. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a
 10 quorum and all action or resolutions of the commission ~~must~~ **shall** be approved by
 11 the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of all members of the commission.
 12 The commission shall prescribe rules to govern its meetings and shall fix the place
 13 at which meetings shall be held. **The members shall receive per diem set by the**
 14 **commission, not to exceed three hundred dollars, during the time the member**
 15 **is in actual attendance upon the board, or performing duties authorized by the**
 16 **board. The per diem shall be payable for a maximum of twenty-four days per**
 17 **year, except when an emergency is declared by the governor. During the period**
 18 **of an emergency as determined by the governor, the commission shall be**
 19 **authorized to hold as many meetings or emergency activities as the commission**
 20 **deems necessary and the members shall be paid per diem for such meetings or**
 21 **activities.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____