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HOUSE BILL NO. 319

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Adds a member with aviation experience to the Shreveport Airport Authority

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 2:602(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 2:602(A)(3) and (4), relative to the 3 appointment and qualifications of the Shreveport Airport Authority commissioners; 4 to require the appointment of at least one commissioner with aviation experience 5 after a certain date; to require documentation evidencing the requisite experience; and to provide for related matters. 6 7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published 8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of 9 Louisiana. 10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 11 Section 1. R.S. 2:602(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 2:602(A)(3) 12 and (4) are hereby enacted to read as follows: 13 §602. Creation of airport authority 14 A.(1) Any governing body of a subdivision may, by resolution, create a 15 public body to be known as an airport authority which shall be authorized to exercise 16 its functions upon the appointment and qualification of the first commissioners 17 thereof. Upon the adoption of a resolution creating an airport authority, the 18 governing body of the subdivision shall, pursuant to the resolution, appoint not less 19 than five persons but not more than nine persons as commissioners of the authority. 20 The commissioners shall be appointed to serve staggered terms of no less than one

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year, but not more than five years, except that vacancies occurring otherwise than by the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment. Where the governing body of a subdivision creates an airport authority by resolution, such authority shall be perpetually in existence until revoked by resolution of said governing body. Any airport district created by special act of the legislature shall be able to adopt a resolution or ordinance or take other action by vote of a majority of the quorum.

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(3) At the expiration of a term occurring after August 1, 2022, the Shreveport Airport Authority shall appoint at least one commissioner who has a Federal Aviation Administration private pilot's license or has served as a required aviation crew member in the United States. Documentation shall be provided to comply with this requirement. Thereafter, the Shreveport Airport Authority shall make appointments in a manner to ensure that at least one member who either has a Federal Aviation Administration private pilot's license or has served as a required aviation crew member in the United States is always seated.

(4) Where the governing body of a subdivision creates an airport authority by resolution, such authority shall be perpetually in existence until revoked by resolution of the governing body. Any airport district created by a special act of the legislature shall be able to adopt a resolution or ordinance or take other action by vote of a majority of the quorum.

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## **DIGEST**

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Crews

**Abstract:** Requires the Shreveport Airport Authority have at least one commissioner with pilot or aviation crew member experience.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes a governing body of a subdivision to create an airport authority, and authorizes the authority to exercise its functions when appointed as a qualified

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commissioner. <u>Present law</u> requires the governing body to appoint five to nine commissioners of the authority. <u>Present law</u> requires the commissioners to serve staggered terms between one and five years, unless the vacancy occurs before the expiration of the term, then the vacancy will be filled for the remainder of the term.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires that the Shreveport Airport Authority, upon the expiration of a term occurring after Aug. 1, 2022, to appoint at least one commissioner who has a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) private pilot's license or has served as a required aviation crew member in the U.S. military.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires documentation be provided to comply with this requirement. Further requires that the board ensure through subsequent appointments that at least one member who either has a FAA private pilot's license or has served as a required aviation crew member in the U.S. military is always a part of the authority.

<u>Present law</u> mandates that when a governing body creates an airport authority by resolution, the authority is perpetually in existence until revoked by said body. Specifies that any airport district created by special act of the legislature is able to adopt a resolution or ordinance or take action by a vote of a majority of the quorum.

Proposed law retains present law but relocates this provision.

(Amends R.S. 2:602(A)(1); Adds R.S. 2:602(A)(3) and (4))