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## DIGEST

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HB 540 Engrossed

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Miguez

**Abstract:** Specifies rights and powers of port and harbor police.

Proposed law establishes for parishes with a population of 68,000 to 73,000 and 57,000 to 57,400, the commission may appoint, fix salaries of, and pay port and harbor police and provides requirements of appointees.

Proposed law requires appointees furnish a bond upon which suit may be brought for injury or for failure of appointee to faithfully perform his duties.

Proposed law enables port and harbor police to perform law enforcement duties commensurate with powers of sheriffs.

Proposed law provides for arrestees of the port and harbor police to be delivered to the sheriff of the parish in which it occurs, and provides that such authority not deprive law enforcement from a parish with a population of 68,000 to 73,000 or 57,000 to 57,400 from performing their duties.

Proposed law allows for the commission to make rules and regulations relative to the port and harbor police and provides for modifications to the rules and regulations.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 34:1603.2)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Change the parishes affected to both instead of either.
2. Change the parish that in which enforcement not be deprived of authority to a parish with a population of 68,000 to 73,000 or 57,000 to 57,400.