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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Changes the name and governing body of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission and adds that the commission shall manage withdrawals of water from Spring Bayou.

Present law creates the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission.

Proposed law changes the name of that commission to the Avoyelles Parish Port and Waterway Commission.

Present law provides that the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission is composed of seven members who shall serve without compensation and who shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) Four commissioners appointed by the governing authority of the parish of Avoyelles.
- (2) Two commissioners shall be appointed by the governing authority of the town of Simmesport.
- (3) One commissioner shall be elected by the appointed commissioners at their initial meeting.

Present law provides that commissioners are appointed for terms of six years.

Proposed law removes present law and instead provides that the commission will be composed of nine members who shall serve without compensation and who shall be appointed, subject to Senate confirmation, by the representative representing House District 28 and the senator representing Senate District 28. Requires a person domiciled in each police jury district be appointed to the commission.

Present law provides for the rights and duties of the commission.

Proposed law adds that the commission will manage withdrawals of water from Spring Bayou.

Proposed law provides for transitional provisions to complete the transfer of all obligations, rights, duties, property, and the like from the existing Avoyelles Parish Port Commission to the proposed Avoyelles Parish Port and Waterway Commission.

(Amends R.S. 34:1801, 1803, 1806, and 1807)