

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 602

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

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

DISTRICTS/WATERWAY: Provides relative to the membership of the Red River Waterway Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2303(A)(2) and (C) and to enact R.S. 34:2303(F), relative to
3 the composition of the Red River Waterway Commission; to provide requirements
4 for the governor's at-large appointments to the commission; to provide requirements
5 for nominations to the commission; to provide for demographic calculations of the
6 entirety of the parishes that comprise the district; to provide for technical changes;
7 and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 34:2303(A)(2) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
10 34:2303(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2303. Membership of commission

12 A. The corporate powers and authority herein granted shall vest in and be
13 exercised by the commission, a body to be composed of twelve members as follows:

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15 (2) Four members-at-large who ~~shall be~~ are residents of, own real property
16 subject to taxation in, and ~~be~~ are qualified voters of the seven parishes in the district,
17 and who shall be appointed by the governor. The governor shall ensure that his
18 appointments are reflective of the entirety of the demographic makeup of the seven
19 parishes that comprise the district based upon the most recent federal decennial
20 census as reported according to Subsection F of this Section.

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C. ~~Within thirty days after June 28, 1965, (i) the~~ (1) The police jury of each parish in the district shall nominate for membership on the commission ~~one person~~ four people who shall be ~~a resident~~ residents of, own real property subject to taxation in, and be a qualified ~~voter~~ voters of, the parish ~~which he is~~ they are nominated to represent;

~~(ii) the~~ (2) The governing body of each levee district situated wholly or partly in the district shall nominate ~~one individual~~ four individuals possessing like qualifications for each parish within which it exercises and has territorial jurisdiction; ~~and,~~

~~(iii) the~~ (3) The Red River Valley Association, a Louisiana nonprofit corporation, shall nominate for membership on the commission ~~a person~~ four people possessing like qualifications from each one of the seven parishes of the district.

(4) All nominations made by the aforesaid nominating bodies shall be in writing and sent by registered United States mail to the governor under the signature of the chief executive officer or secretary of the respective nominating body. The nominating bodies shall ensure that their nominations are reflective of the entirety of the demographic makeup of the seven parishes that comprise the district based upon the most recent federal decennial census as reported according to Subsection F of this Section.

(5) From lists or panels of names compiled from said sources, and within sixty days after June 28, 1965, the governor shall appoint one person from each of the aforesaid seven parishes in the district to serve as a member of the commission; provided, however, that not more than three nominees of police juries, nor more than three nominees of governing bodies of levee districts, nor more than three nominees of the Red River Valley Association may be members of the commission at the same time.

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- 1 F.(1) The secretary of the commission shall calculate the demographic
 2 makeup of the entirety of the seven parishes that comprise the district based upon the
 3 most recent federal decennial census. The secretary shall forward this information
 4 to the following entities for reference in making appointments or nominations:
- 5 (a) The governor's office.
- 6 (b) The police jury of each parish in the district.
- 7 (c) The governing body of each levee district situated wholly or partly in the
 8 district.
- 9 (d) The Red River Valley Association.
- 10 (2) The secretary shall perform this calculation for the current term no later
 11 than September 1, 2017. The secretary shall then perform this function by August
 12 first of the year in which the federal decennial census is reported.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the governor ensure that gubernatorial appointments to the Red River Waterway Commission are reflective of the entirety of the demographic makeup of the seven parishes that comprise the commission.

Present law requires the governor appoint four members-at-large to the Red River Waterway Commission who are residents of, own real property subject to taxation in, and are qualified voters of the seven parishes in the district.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring the governor ensure that gubernatorial appointments are reflective of the entirety of the demographic makeup of the seven parishes that comprise the district.

Present law requires the police jury of each parish, the governing body of each levee district situated wholly or partly in the district, and the Red River Valley Assoc. to nominate one person each for appointment to the commission.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the number of nominees from one to four. Also, requires the nominations be made in a manner that ensures the nominations are reflective of the entirety of the demographic makeup of the seven parishes that comprise the district.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the commission to calculate the demographic makeup of the entirety of the seven parishes that comprise the district based upon the most recent federal decennial census, and report this information to the governor's office, the police jury

of each parish in the district, the governing body of each levee district situated wholly or partly in the district, and the Red River Valley Assoc.

Proposed law requires the secretary to perform this calculation for the current term no later than Sept. 1, 2017, and thereafter, perform this function by Aug. 1st of the year in which the federal decennial census is reported.

(Amends R.S. 34:2303(A)(2) and (C); Adds R.S. 34:2303(F))