

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 519

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Requires the addition of a member with aviation experience to airport authorities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 2:602(A), relative to the appointment and qualifications of
3 airport authority commissioners; to require the appointment of at least one
4 commissioner with aviation experience after a certain date; to require documentation
5 evidencing the requisite experience; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 2:602(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §602. Creation of airport authority

9 A.(1) Any governing body of a subdivision may, by resolution, create a
10 public body to be known as an airport authority which shall be authorized to exercise
11 its functions upon the appointment and qualification of the first commissioners
12 thereof. Upon the adoption of a resolution creating an airport authority, the
13 governing body of the subdivision shall, pursuant to the resolution, appoint not less
14 than five persons but not more than nine persons as commissioners of the authority.
15 The commissioners shall be appointed to serve staggered terms of no less than one
16 year, but not more than five years, except that vacancies occurring otherwise than by
17 the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as
18 the original appointment. ~~Where the governing body of a subdivision creates an~~
19 ~~airport authority by resolution, such authority shall be perpetually in existence until~~
20 ~~revoked by resolution of said governing body. Any airport district created by special~~

1 ~~act of the legislature shall be able to adopt a resolution or ordinance or take other~~
2 ~~action by vote of a majority of the quorum.~~

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4 (3) At the expiration of a term occurring after August 1, 2020, the board
5 shall appoint at least one commissioner who has a Federal Aviation Administration
6 private pilot's license or has served as a required aviation crew member in the United
7 States. Documentation shall be provided to comply with this requirement.
8 Thereafter, the board shall make appointments in a manner to ensure that at least one
9 member who either has a Federal Aviation Administration private pilot's license or
10 has served as a required aviation crew member in the United States is always seated.

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

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DIGEST

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Crews

Abstract: Requires airport authorities to have at least one commissioner with pilot or aviation crew member experience.

Present law 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 commissioner. Present law requires the governing body to appoint five to nine commissioners of the authority. Present law 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.

Proposed law requires the governing body of the subdivision 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 upon the expiration of a term occurring after Aug. 1, 2020.

Proposed law 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.

Present law 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 reorders it to a new number.

(Amends R.S. 2:602(A))