
DIGEST

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Abstract: Extends the term for the board of commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor Terminal District.

Present law provides for the for the appointment and composition of the Morgan City Harbor Terminal District Board of Commissioners as follows:

- (1) Two members shall be appointed by the mayor and council of the town of Berwick.
- (2) Two members shall be appointed by the mayor and council of the city of Morgan City.
- (3) Two members shall be appointed by the parish president and council of St. Mary Parish.
- (4) Three members shall be appointed by the governor, one each, from a list of three names submitted by the other appointing authorities.

Present law provides that the appointing authorities, except the governor, provided for in present law must provide notice to the public that there must be an application and interview process for appointments to the board of commissioners of the district. Authorizes interviews during executive session, but requires the final nominations and appointments be done by open meeting. Authorizes the appointing authorities required to submit a list of names to the governor to use any process they deem advisable to compile the list.

Present law specifies that the terms of the initial appointees must be concurrent with the terms of the appointing authority and thereafter the terms are for four years.

Proposed law increases the length of the term of appointees from four years to seven years.

Present law specifies that no board member can serve more than two consecutive four-year terms; however, if an initial appointee's term is one year or less he may be reappointed for two four-year terms. Allows a member who has served two consecutive four-year terms to apply for appointment to the board, provided four years have elapsed since the end of his last term.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the consecutive terms a board member is prohibited to serve from two consecutive four-year terms to two consecutive seven-year terms, unless an initial appointee's term is one year or less, then he may be reappointed for two seven-year terms.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 34:322.1(C) and (E))