

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 625

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS: Changes the composition of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1801(A)(1), (2), and (3), relative to the composition of the
3 Avoyelles Parish Port Commission; to provide for the selection process and term of
4 commissioners; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 34:1801(A)(1), (2), and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to
10 read as follows:

11 §1801. Creation of Avoyelles Parish Port Commission

12 A.(1) There is hereby created a commission to be known as the Avoyelles
13 Parish Port Commission, which shall be composed of ~~nine~~ five members, at least
14 ~~three~~ one of whom shall be minorities a minority, ~~with one member domiciled in~~
15 ~~each police jury district~~ who shall serve without compensation and who shall be
16 appointed, ~~subject to Senate confirmation~~, as follows:

17 (2)(a) ~~Each member~~ The members of the police jury of Avoyelles Parish
18 shall ~~submit a list of three nominees from his respective district to~~ select two
19 commissioners, the Town of Simmesport shall select one commissioner, the
20 representative representing House District Twenty-Eight shall select one

DIGEST

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HB 625 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Modifies the composition of the commissioners, the selection process, and the terms of Avoyelles Parish Port Commissioners.

Present law establishes a commission, known as the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission, to be composed of nine members. Requires three members be minorities, one member be domiciled in each police jury district to serve without compensation, and requires the appointment be by Senate confirmation.

Proposed law changes the number of commissioners from nine to five and changes the number of required minority members from three to one. Proposed law modifies present law to no longer require one member be domiciled in each police jury district nor appointments be subject to Senate confirmation.

Present law requires each member of the police jury of Avoyelles Parish to submit a list of three nominees from his respective district to the legislators representing House District 28, Senate District 28, and Senate District 32, and requires a majority of the legislators to appoint one nominee from each list of nominees to serve as commissioners.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring the police jury to select two commissioners, the Town of Simmesport to select one commissioner, the representative of House District 28 to select one commissioner, and the senators representing Senate District 28 and Senate District 32 to collectively select one commissioner.

Present law requires any commissioners appointed to serve a term of four years.

Proposed law requires the existing commissioners remain until their termed year. Modifies present law to require that commissioners serve a four-year term after commissioners serve staggered terms as follows:

- (1) Two members will serve a term of two years.
- (2) Two members will serve a term of three years.
- (3) One members will serve a term of four years.

Proposed law requires the terms of the respective members be determined by a random selection at the first meeting of the board. Proposed law requires the term end on Jan. 31st of the termed year, the selection process to commence on Feb. 1st, and the selection process to be completed within 30 days.

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

(Amends R.S. 34:1801(A)(1), (2), and (3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.

2. Require existing commissioners remain until their termed year.
3. Specify that commissioners will serve staggered terms followed by four-year terms.
4. Remove a provision that required initial appointed commissioners serve until Jan. 12, 2020.