

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 105****2021 Regular Session****Pressly**

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS: Amends the rights and powers of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission

<b>Synopsis of Senate Amendments</b>	
1.	Makes technical changes.
2.	Removes a provision authorizing the commission to purchase any land it deems necessary for the present and future operations of cargo airports.
3.	Requires the commission hold a specially called annual meeting to fully advise the public of projects located in the port area that may affect adjacent landowners.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for the rights and powers of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission.

Proposed law modifies the rights and powers to provide that the commission will not be subject in any respect to the authority, control, or supervision of any local regulatory body or any political subdivision.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to perform the functions of an economic and industrial development entity, which may include but not be limited to the following:

- (1) Public relations, advertising, marketing, and providing and disseminating information.
- (2) Government relations, ombudsman, and government liaison.
- (3) Financial and financing assistance.
- (4) Tax abatement.
- (5) Planning and coordination for economic development and resource utilization, including such functions as industrial and economic research and industrial programming and solicitation.
- (6) Industrial training, technical assistance, and technology transfer.
- (7) The use of public and other legal powers to facilitate development.
- (8) Promoting transfer mechanisms to take ideas from their point of origin and development to commercially successful utilization by local enterprises.
- (9) Fostering entrepreneurial activity in the port area.
- (10) Promoting the development of new products, processes, or services or new uses for existing products, processes, or services manufactured or marketed in the port area.
- (11) Supporting market research aimed at identifying new markets for local or regional products and processes, including international markets; determining the

characteristics, needs, and preferences of those markets; and developing new marketing techniques to exploit those markets.

- (12) Fostering the supporting economic industrial development and education in cooperation with private business enterprises, financial institutions, educational institutions, nonprofit institutions and organizations, state government and political subdivisions of the state, the federal government, and other organizations or persons concerned with research, development, education, commercial application, and economic or industrial development in ways which increase the economic base of the port area.

Present law provides for the rights and powers for economic and industrial growth for a commission of a port that is not a deep water port and has a population of not less than 250,000 and not more than 400,000 within its jurisdiction.

Proposed law specifies that the utility service providers must comport with applicable law and Public Service Commission orders for facilities constructed or acquired by the commission.

Present law requires the commission meet once each in month in regular session and in special session at the call of the president of the commission or on the written request of three members of the commission. Requires a majority of the members constitute a quorum, and all actions or resolutions of the commission be approved by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of all members. Requires the commission prescribe rules governing its meetings and fix a place to hold the meetings.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the commission hold a specially called annual meeting to fully advise the public of projects located in the port area that may affect adjacent landowners.

Proposed law repeals present law (R.S. 34:3522) but transfers the content to R.S. 34:3160.

(Amends R.S. 34:3159(B) and 3160(C); Repeals R.S. 34:3522)