

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 319

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Adds a member with aviation experience to the Shreveport Airport Authority

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 2:602(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 2:602(A)(3) and (4), relative to the  
3 appointment and qualifications of the Shreveport Airport Authority commissioners;  
4 to require the appointment of at least one commissioner with aviation experience  
5 after a certain date; to require documentation evidencing the requisite experience;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

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

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 2:602(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 2:602(A)(3)  
12 and (4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §602. Creation of airport authority

14 A.(1) Any governing body of a subdivision may, by resolution, create a  
15 public body to be known as an airport authority which shall be authorized to exercise  
16 its functions upon the appointment and qualification of the first commissioners  
17 thereof. Upon the adoption of a resolution creating an airport authority, the  
18 governing body of the subdivision shall, pursuant to the resolution, appoint not less  
19 than five persons but not more than nine persons as commissioners of the authority.

20 The commissioners shall be appointed to serve staggered terms of no less than one



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 that the Shreveport Airport Authority, upon the expiration of a term occurring after Aug. 1, 2022, 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.

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 relocates this provision.

(Amends R.S. 2:602(A)(1); Adds R.S. 2:602(A)(3) and (4))