

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 150

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

PORTS/MORGAN CITY: Provides relative to the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:322.1(C) and (E) and 2472(B), relative to the Morgan City
3 Harbor and Terminal District and certain port commissions; to extend the length of
4 the term of commissioners; to provide for the domicile and regular meeting place of
5 certain port commissions; and to provide for related matters.

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 34:322.1(C) and (E) and 2472(B) are hereby amended and reenacted
11 to read as follows:

12 §322.1. Board of commissioners; members; vacancy; compensation; officers,
13 agents, and employees

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15 C. The terms of the initial appointees shall be concurrent with the terms of
16 the appointing authority. Thereafter, the terms shall be for ~~four~~ seven years.

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18 E. No board member shall serve more than two consecutive ~~four-year~~ seven-
19 year terms; however, if an initial appointee's term is one year or less he may be

1 reappointed for two ~~four-year~~ seven-year terms. A member who has served two
2 consecutive ~~four-year~~ seven-year terms may apply for appointment to the board,
3 provided four years have elapsed since the end of his last term.

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5 §2472. Officers of the board; meetings

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7 B.~~(1)~~ The domicile and regular meeting place of the commission shall be
8 ~~LaPlace Reserve~~, Louisiana.

9 ~~(2) However, such domicile and regular meeting place may be changed to~~
10 ~~Reserve, Louisiana, upon a vote of two-thirds of the members of the commission in~~
11 ~~favor of a resolution authorizing the change and if the bylaws are amended to~~
12 ~~provide for such change. Such vote shall occur no sooner than twenty-four hours~~
13 ~~after a public meeting specifically held to debate such matters and to receive public~~
14 ~~comment thereon.~~

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DIGEST

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HB 150 Engrossed

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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 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 requires the appointing authorities, except the governor, provided for in present law to give notice to the public of the required application and interview process for

appointments to the board of commissioners of the district. Authorizes interviews during an 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 requires the terms of the initial appointees be concurrent with the terms of the appointing authority and thereafter for four years.

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

Present law prohibits a board member from serving more than two consecutive four-year terms; however, authorizes an initial appointee to be reappointed for two four-year terms if the initial term is one year or less. Authorizes 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 instead of the two four-year terms in present law.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law creates the Port of South Louisiana and requires the domicile and regular meeting place be Laplace, La.

Proposed law changes the domicile from Laplace, La., to Reserve, La.

Present law authorizes the domicile and regular meeting to be changed to Reserve, La., upon a 2/3 vote of the members of the commission in favor of a resolution authorizing the change and if the bylaws are amended to provide for this change. Requires the vote occur no sooner than 24 hours after a public meeting specifically held to debate these matters and to receive public comment.

Proposed law removes present law.

(Amends R.S. 34:322.1(C) and (E) and 2472(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change the domicile and regular meeting place for the Port of South Louisiana from Laplace, La., to Reserve, La.
3. Remove a provision in present law that made the change in the domicile and regular meeting schedule to Reserve, La., contingent upon a 2/3 vote of the members of the commission in favor of a resolution authorizing the change and amending the bylaws to provide for the change.
4. Remove a provision that required the vote changing the domicile and regular meeting place to Reserve, La., occur no sooner than 24 hours after a public meeting specifically held to debate these matters and to receive public comment.