SENATE BILL NO. 131

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2473(B)(3) and (F)(1) and (2), relative to the commission for
3	the Port of South Louisiana; provides for expenditure authority for contracts and
4	purchases to be established by commission bylaws; and to provide for related
5	matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 34:2473(B)(3) and (F)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted
8	to read as follows:
9	§2473. Jurisdictional boundaries; rights and powers of commission and executive
10	director
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12	B. * * *
13	(3) The executive director shall employ such officers, agents, and employees

(3) The executive director shall employ such officers, agents, and employees as he finds necessary in the performance of his duties and may prescribe the duties, powers, and compensation of such officers, agents, and employees. The executive director may execute work contracts with the unclassified employees of the port at a salary which does not exceed seventy-five percent of the salary paid the executive director for a period of not more than two years. The executive director shall contract for legal, financial, engineering, and other professional services necessary or expedient in the conduct of the port's affairs. All contracts for professional services for an amount exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars the amount allowed by the commission bylaws shall not be binding or effective until approved by the commission in a public meeting by a record vote of the majority of its membership. In addition, all contracts for professional services exceeding one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars shall be subject to the provisions of R.S. 39:1503 and 1504 R.S.

39:1595(B) governing requests for proposals and cancellation thereof. The executive 1 2 director may, upon terms and conditions mutually agreeable, utilize the services of 3 the executive departments of the state. 4 5 F.(1) Any contracts for a duration of more than one year or any contract when the contract amount exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars the amount allowed by 6 7 the commission bylaws, except contracts for employment of unclassified personnel, which are entered into by the executive director in the discharge of his official duties 8 9 as provided in this Chapter shall not be binding or effective until approved by the 10 commission by a record vote of the majority of its membership. 11 (2) All purchases which exceed twenty-five thousand dollars the amount 12 allowed by the commission bylaws from one person, corporation, or entity entered into by the executive director shall receive the prior approval of the commission by 13 14 a record vote of a majority of its membership. 15 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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