

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 540****2023 Regular Session****Miguez**

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS: Establishes a port and harbor police force for ports meeting certain requirements

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Changes language in proposed law from multiple parishes with a specific population designation according to the latest federal decennial census to a parish with the specific population designation according to the latest federal decennial census.

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

Proposed law specifies that a port district board for parishes which have a population of 68,000 to 73,000 and 57,000 to 57,400, respectively as determined by the latest federal decennial census may appoint, fix salaries of, and pay port and harbor police. Additionally, provides requirements of appointees.

Proposed law requires appointees furnish a bond upon which suit may be brought for injury or for failure of appointee to faithfully perform his duties.

Proposed law enables port and harbor police who have completed a course certified by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training to perform law enforcement duties commensurate with powers of sheriffs.

Proposed law provides for arrestees of the port and harbor police to be delivered to the sheriff of the parish in which it occurs, and provides that such authority not deprive law enforcement from a parish with a population of 68,000 to 73,000 or 57,000 to 57,400 according to the latest federal decennial census from performing their duties.

Proposed law allows for the commission to make rules and regulations relative to the port and harbor police and provides for modifications to the rules and regulations.

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

(Adds R.S. 34:1603.2)