

SENATE BILL NO. 131

BY SENATOR PRICE

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2473(B)(3) and (F)(1) and (2), relative to the commission for the Port of South Louisiana; provides for expenditure authority for contracts and purchases to be established by commission bylaws; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 34:2473(B)(3) and (F)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2473. Jurisdictional boundaries; rights and powers of commission and executive director

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B. \* \* \*

(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.**

