

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 279

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS: Provides relative to the boundaries of the Caddo-Bossier Port

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:3160(A) and (C)(1), relative to the boundaries of the Caddo-
3 Bossier port area; to prohibit the use of a payment in lieu of taxes program in certain
4 fire districts unless the commission receives authorization in the form of a written
5 resolution from the board of that district; 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. 34:3160(A) and (C)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
11 follows:

12 §3160. Rights and powers of commission

13 A. The commission shall exercise the powers herein conferred upon it,
14 within the port area, consisting of the entire parishes of Caddo and Bossier; however,
15 specifically excluded from the port area are any docks, landings or wharves in use
16 on November 8, 1966, and businesses engaged in river operations in the port area on
17 November 8, 1966. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
18 commission shall not use the payment in lieu of taxes program in Caddo Fire District
19 7 or Caddo Fire District 8 unless the commission receives a written resolution from

1 the board of commissioners of the district, in which they plan to use the program,
2 authorizing the commission to abate property taxes in that district.

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4 C.(1) The commission shall regulate the commerce and traffic within the
5 port area in any manner as may, in its judgment, be for the best interests of the state.
6 ~~It shall not be subject in any respect to the authority, control, or supervision of any~~
7 ~~local regulatory body or any political subdivision.~~ It shall have charge of and
8 administer public wharves, docks, sheds, landings, industrial parks, industrial
9 buildings, and other property or facilities owned, operated, or controlled by the
10 commission. It shall have authority to construct or acquire and equip wharves and
11 landings and other structures useful for the commerce of the port area, and provide
12 mechanical facilities therefor; to erect sheds or other structures on the wharves and
13 landings; to provide light, water, police protection, and other services for its facilities
14 as it may deem advisable; to construct or acquire, maintain, and operate basins,
15 locks, canals, warehouses, and elevators; to charge for the use of all facilities
16 administered by it, and for all services rendered by it; to establish such fees, rates,
17 tariffs, or other charges as it may deem fit; to establish harbor lines within the port
18 area by agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and to construct,
19 own, operate, and maintain terminal rail facilities and other common carrier rail
20 facilities for the purpose of rendering rail transportation to and from the facilities to
21 be erected, owned, or operated by the commission in both intrastate and interstate
22 commerce. The commission shall have authority to plan, finance, develop, construct,
23 and acquire industrial parks and industrial plant buildings within its port area,
24 including sites and other necessary property or appurtenances therefor, and to
25 acquire, construct, develop, improve, operate, maintain, and provide improvements
26 and services necessary therefor, including but not limited to roads, streets, street
27 lighting, bridges, rail facilities, drainage, sewers, sewerage disposal facilities, solid
28 waste disposal facilities, waterworks, and other utilities and related properties. Title
29 to such property and improvements shall be in the public and shall vest in the

1 commission for public administration, subject only to the right of the commission to
2 lease, sell, or otherwise dispose of the same in the manner provided in this Chapter.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission from using the payment in lieu of taxes program in Caddo Fire District 7 and 8 without the board's authorization.

Present law specifies that the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission (commission) must exercise the powers conferred upon it, within the port area, consisting of the entire parishes of Caddo and Bossier. Excludes from this authority any docks, landings, or wharves in use on Nov. 8, 1966, and businesses engaged in river operations in the port area on Nov. 8, 1966.

Proposed law prohibits the commission from using the payment in lieu of taxes program in Caddo Fire District 7 and 8 unless the commission receives a written resolution from the board of the district.

(Amends R.S. 34:3160(A) and (C)(1))