

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 170

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS. Provides for requirements for commissioners of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:3158, relative to the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port
3 Commission; to provide for confirmation of commissioners by the Senate; to provide
4 for requirements for commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 34:3158 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3158. Creation of commission; membership; qualifications; tenure

9 A. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the Caddo-Bossier
10 Parishes Port Commission. It shall be composed of nine members who shall:

11 ~~(1) serve~~ **Serve** without compensation, ~~as follows:~~

12 **(2) Be appointed subject to Senate confirmation.**

13 **(3) Have expertise in economic development, transportation, logistics, or**
14 **commercial real estate.**

15 **B.**(1)(a) Two of the commissioners shall be appointed by the governing
16 authority of the parish of Caddo as follows:

17 (i) One of the commissioners shall reside in the parish of Caddo outside of

1 the city limits of Shreveport.

2 (ii) One of the commissioners shall reside in the parish of Caddo within the
3 city limits of Shreveport.

4 (b) Any commissioner appointed pursuant to this Paragraph shall serve a term
5 of six years.

6 (2) One of the commissioners shall be appointed by the governing authority
7 of the parish of Bossier.

8 (a) The commissioner shall reside in the parish of Bossier.

9 (b) The commissioner appointed pursuant to this Paragraph shall serve a term
10 of six years.

11 (3) Four of the commissioners shall be appointed by the governing authority
12 of the city of Shreveport as follows:

13 (a) Three commissioners shall reside within the city limits of Shreveport and
14 each shall serve a term of six years.

15 (b) One commissioner shall be at-large and reside within the city limits of
16 Shreveport and shall serve a term concurrent with the term of the mayor.

17 (4)(a) Two of the commissioners shall be appointed by the governing
18 authority of the city of Bossier City.

19 (b) Any commissioner appointed pursuant to this Paragraph shall reside
20 within the city limits of Bossier City and shall serve a term of six years.

21 ~~B.C.~~ A vacancy on the commission for any reason shall be filled in the same
22 manner as the original appointments and for the unexpired term of office. Each
23 commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States and a qualified voter and
24 property taxpayer of the parish of Caddo or Bossier, as the case may be, and of the
25 state of Louisiana.

26 ~~C.D.~~ The governing authorities, in making appointments, shall endeavor to
27 provide for racial diversity of the board and to ensure that the racial proportion of the
28 appointees shall reflect the same racial proportion of the geographical area which
29 they represent. Except, the governing authority of the parish of Caddo, in making

1 appointments, shall endeavor to provide for racial diversity of the board and to
2 ensure that the racial proportion of their appointees shall reflect the same racial
3 proportion of the governing authority of the parish of Caddo.

4 ~~D.E.~~ The term of each commissioner serving on June 18, 2006, shall expire
5 as follows:

6 (a) The term of the commissioner appointed by the governing authority of the
7 parish of Caddo shall expire on June 30, 2007. His successors shall be appointed
8 pursuant to the provisions of Item ~~(A)~~**(B)**(1)(a)(i).

9 (b) The term of the commissioner appointed by the governing authority of the
10 parish of Bossier shall expire on February 15, 2009. His successors shall be
11 appointed pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph ~~(A)~~**(B)**(2).

12 (c) The term of the commissioners appointed by the governing authority of
13 the city of Shreveport shall expire as follows:

14 (i) The term of the commissioner whose term began on April 1, 2003, and
15 would have expired on June 28, 2011, shall expire on such date. His successors shall
16 be appointed pursuant to the provisions of Subparagraph ~~(A)~~**(B)**(3)(a).

17 (ii) The term of the commissioner whose term would have expired on March
18 31, 2007, shall expire on such date. His successors shall be appointed pursuant to the
19 provisions of Item ~~(A)~~**(B)**(1)(a)(ii).

20 (iii) The term of the commissioner whose term would have expired on July
21 26, 2007, shall expire on June 30, 2007. His successors shall be appointed pursuant
22 to the provisions of Subparagraph ~~(A)~~**(B)**(3)(a).

23 (iv) The term of the commissioner whose term would have expired on July
24 27, 2009, shall expire on such date. His successors shall be appointed pursuant to the
25 provisions of Subparagraph ~~(A)~~**(B)**(3)(a).

26 (v) The commissioner whose term began July 18, 1997, and would have
27 expired on June 28, 2011, shall serve a term concurrent with the term of the mayor
28 who appointed him. His successors shall be appointed pursuant to the provisions of
29 Subparagraph ~~(A)~~**(B)**(3)(b).

1 (d) The term of the commissioners appointed by the governing authority of
2 the city of Bossier City shall expire as follows:

3 (i) The term of the commissioner whose term would have expired on March
4 29, 2012, shall expire on such date. His successors shall be appointed pursuant to the
5 provisions of Paragraph ~~(A)~~**(B)**(4).

6 (ii) The term of the commissioner whose term would have expired on
7 February 16, 2007, shall expire on such date. His successors shall be appointed
8 pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph ~~(A)~~**(B)**(4).

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 170 Engrossed

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Present law creates the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission and establishes requirements for commissioners.

Proposed law adds the requirement that commissioners be appointed subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law further requires commissioners to have expertise in economic development, transportation, logistics, or commercial real estate.

Proposed law provides for technical changes.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 34:3158)