

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 354

BY REPRESENTATIVES BILLIOT AND TUCKER

AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Revises certain provisions relative to the Southeast Regional Airport Authority

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 2:705(C), (I), and (M) and 706(F), relative to the Southeast
3 Regional Airport Authority; provides relative to Senate confirmation for certain
4 members; provides relative to the required board meetings; changes the domicile of
5 the authority; deletes the mandatory requirement for the authority to appear before
6 certain committees; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 2:705(C), (I), and (M) and 706(F) are hereby amended and reenacted
12 to read as follows:

13 §705. Board of commissioners; creation; membership; terms; officers; meetings

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15 C. Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States, a
16 resident of Louisiana, and shall be of an outstanding personal and professional
17 reputation. Each member of the board, appointed by the governor, shall be subject
18 to confirmation by the Senate.

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20 I. The board shall hold regular ~~monthly~~ semiannual meetings and may hold
21 additional meetings as it deems necessary. A board member who fails to attend ~~three~~

two consecutive meetings, ~~or four or more meetings~~ in a one-calendar-year period, without being excused by the chairman of the board shall be removed for cause, and, upon removal, that position shall be declared vacant and filled as provided in this Section. All meetings of the board and all minutes and records thereof shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law and the Public Records Act. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be required for the transaction of all business of the board. All actions of the authority shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

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M. The domicile of the authority shall be in ~~Jefferson~~ Orleans Parish.

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§706. General powers of the authority

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F. On March first of each year, the authority shall provide a status report to the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works and shall appear upon request before such committees and be subject to oversight by the committees, and on financial matters shall submit a status report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and shall be subject to oversight by such committees concerning such financial matters.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 354

Abstract: Requires only those members appointed by the governor to be subject to Senate confirmation. Reduces the number of mandatory meetings required for the board of the Southeast Regional Airport Authority from monthly meetings to semiannual meetings. Changes the domicile of the authority from Jefferson Parish to Orleans Parish and further deletes the requirement for the authority to appear before certain committees.

Present law requires each member of the board to be a U.S. citizen, a resident of La., and to be of outstanding personal and professional reputation. Further provides that each member of the authority shall be subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law retains present law except that only those members appointed by the governor shall be subject to Senate confirmation.

Present law provides that the board shall hold regular monthly meetings and may hold additional meetings as it deems necessary. Further provides that a board member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings, or four or more meetings in a one-calendar-year period, without being excused by the chairman of the board shall be removed for cause, and upon removal, that position shall be declared vacant and filled as provided in present law.

Proposed law changes the required board meetings from monthly meetings to semiannual meetings. Further changes the provision that a board member may be removed for cause from failure to attend three consecutive meetings, or four or more meetings in a one-calendar-year period to two consecutive meetings in a one-calendar-year period.

Present law provides that all meetings of the board and all minutes and records thereof shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law and Public Records Act. Further provides that a majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum and a quorum shall be required for the transaction of all business of the board. All actions of the authority shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that Jefferson Parish shall be the domicile of the authority.

Proposed law changes the domicile from Jefferson Parish to Orleans Parish.

Present law requires the authority to submit a status report, appear before and be subject to oversight of the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works, and to submit a status report and be subject to oversight of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget financial matters.

Proposed law retains present law except that the authority shall appear upon request of the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works.

(Amends R.S. 2:705(C), (I), and (M) and 706(F))