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DIGEST

Brown (SB 280)

Present law creates the fifteen-member Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission that governs the Port of Baton Rouge and provides for its powers, duties, and responsibilities, with the jurisdictional authority encompassing the geographical boundaries of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, and Ascension Parishes.

Proposed law removes Ascension Parish from the jurisdictional authority of the Port of Baton Rouge, and eliminates the two commissioners appointed by the governor from the parish of Ascension, and reduces the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission from 15 to 13 members.

Present law creates the seven-member South Louisiana Port Commission that governs the Port of South Louisiana and provides for its powers, duties, and responsibilities, with the jurisdictional authority encompassing the geographical boundaries of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James parishes.

Proposed law adds Ascension Parish to the jurisdictional authority of the Port of South Louisiana and increases the Port of South Louisiana Commission from 7 to 11 members. Adds one member for Ascension Parish who is appointed by the parish president with concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the parish council from a list of nominees submitted to him by certain organizations. Increases the number of members appointed by the governor from a list of nominees submitted by certain organizations from two to three. Adds the Westbank Civic Association to the list of organizations who submit nominees. Increases the number of members-at-large appointed by the governor from one to three.

Present law irrevocably pledges the full faith and credit of the parish of Ascension on a parity with that of the parishes of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, and Iberville in respect to the Commission's bonds, notes, and obligations presently outstanding, as well as to all bonds, notes, and obligations hereafter authorized, sold, and incurred by the Commission.

Proposed law limits the full faith and credit pledge of the parish of Ascension to the Commission's bonds, notes, and obligations outstanding on August 1, 2014.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 34:1221(A), 1223(A), 1224(A), 2471(A), 2473(A), and 2473.1(B))