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DIGEST

Chabert (SB 457)

Present law, relative to DOTD, creates the office of operations, to administer all matters related to operations of DOTD's district offices, the Crescent City Connection Bridge, the Sunshine Bridge, and other matters as may be directed by the secretary.

Provides that the office is under the immediate supervision of the assistant secretary, who shall be appointed by the governor and serve at the pleasure of the secretary. Requires that the assistant secretary be a competent engineer of recognized ability and standing who is experienced in DOTD operations. Requires that he be licensed to practice engineering in Louisiana and that he give his whole time to the duties of the office.

Provides that the assistant secretary may, subject to approval of the secretary and in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the civil service commission, employ, appoint, transfer, assign, and promote such personnel as is necessary for the efficient administration of the office.

Provides that the assistant secretary shall receive an annual salary fixed by the governor, which salary shall not exceed the amount approved for such position by the legislature while in session, payable monthly out of funds appropriated therefor and shall be allowed his actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties.

Provides that the assistant secretary shall administer all DOTD functions and duties for which the office is responsible. Provides that he shall also have such other duties as may be assigned to him by the secretary or by law. Requires that he report the proceedings of his office annually to the secretary and at such other times as the secretary may designate, and he make any additional reports as are required by the secretary.

Provides that the secretary is specifically authorized and empowered to perform any of the duties of the assistant secretary when the assistant secretary is absent or incapacitated or when in the opinion of the secretary it would be in the best interest of the department. Provides that the assistant secretary with approval of the secretary may designate a licensed engineer in the office of operations to perform any duties required of the assistant secretary.

Proposed law make technical revisions. Otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 36:508.2)