

SENATE BILL NO. 261

BY SENATORS JOHNS, MORRISH AND JOHN SMITH AND REPRESENTATIVES
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HILL

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:202(A), relative to the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal
3 District; to provide relative to the board of commissioners; and to provide for related
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 34:202(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §202. Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District; ratification; board of
8 commissioners; members; officers; agents; and employees

9 A.(1) The governing authority of the district shall be a board of
10 commissioners which shall be known as the Board of Commissioners of the Lake
11 Charles Harbor and Terminal District. The board shall consist of seven members
12 who shall be citizens of the United States and qualified voters, and inhabitants of this
13 district during their terms of office.

14 (2)(~~a~~) The governor shall appoint seven commissioners, subject to Senate
15 confirmation. ~~Except for initial appointments and terms, which are provided for in~~
16 ~~Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, **Effective August 1, 2015,**~~ commissioners shall
17 ~~serve four-year terms~~ **staggered terms of four years, which begin on August first**
18 **of the appointment year and expire on July thirty-first in the fourth year**
19 **following the appointment year,** and shall be appointed from nominations as
20 follows:

21 (~~i~~)(~~a~~) ~~One of the successors to the two members serving initial terms as~~
22 ~~provided in Item (b)(i) of this Paragraph shall be appointed from a list of three~~
23 ~~nominees submitted by the governing authority of Lake Charles and the other from~~

1 a list of three nominees submitted by the governing authority of Calcasieu Parish
 2 **member, designated as Position A, shall be appointed from a list of three**
 3 **nominees submitted by the governing authority of the city of Westlake.**

4 (ii)~~(b)~~ One of the successors to the two members serving initial terms as
 5 provided in Item (b)(ii) of this Paragraph **member, designated as Position B,** shall
 6 be appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by the governing authority of
 7 Westlake and the other from a list of three nominees submitted by the governing
 8 authority of Cameron Parish.

9 (iii)~~(c)~~ Successors to the three members serving initial terms as provided in
 10 Item (b)(iii) of this Paragraph shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted
 11 jointly by the state legislators who represent any part of the district **One member,**
 12 **designated as Position C, shall be appointed from a list of three nominees**
 13 **submitted by the governing authority of the city of Lake Charles.**

14 **(d) One member, designated as Position D, shall be appointed from a list**
 15 **of three nominees submitted by the governing authority of Calcasieu Parish.**

16 **(e) Three members, designated as positions E, F, and G, shall be**
 17 **appointed from a list of nominees submitted jointly by the state legislators who**
 18 **represent any part of the district.**

19 ~~(b) All seven initial appointments after May 29, 2003 shall be made from a~~
 20 ~~list of nominees submitted jointly by the state legislators who represent any part of~~
 21 ~~the district. A vacancy in an initial term prior to the expiration of the term shall be~~
 22 ~~filled in the same manner as these initial appointments. Initial terms, as determined~~
 23 ~~by lot at the first meeting, shall be as follows:~~

24 ~~(i) Two members shall serve two years.~~

25 ~~(ii) Two members shall serve three years.~~

26 ~~(iii) Three members shall serve four years.~~

27 ~~(3) Except as otherwise provided by Paragraph (2) of this Subsection,~~
 28 **Effective August 1, 2014, any vacancy whether by reason of death, resignation,**
 29 **expiration of term, or any other cause** in the membership of the board shall be
 30 filled for the remainder of any unexpired term, in the same manner as the person

1 (C) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, the term of
2 members holding positions designated by this Act as C and D on the Lake Charles Harbor
3 and Terminal District board of commissioners on the effective date of this Act shall be
4 extended and shall expire on August 1, 2017.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____