

Prior law provided that the governing authority of the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District is a seven member board of commissioners who are citizens of the United States, qualified voters, and inhabitants of the district during their four year term of office. Commissioners are appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation. Except for initial appointments after May 29, 2003, members are nominated as follows:

- (1) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the governing authority of Lake Charles.
- (2) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the governing authority of Calcasieu Parish.
- (3) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the governing authority of Westlake.
- (4) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the governing authority of Cameron Parish.
- (5) Three members from a list of three nominees submitted jointly by state legislators who represent any part of the district.

New law retains and reorganizes prior law for nominees and appointments to the board and removes provisions for initial appointments and terms.

New law provides for filling a vacancy for any reason, effective August 1, 2014, in the same manner as the vacant position. Requires the president or other presiding officer of the board to send notice of the vacancy by registered or certified U. S. mail to the appropriate nominating authority not later than 10 calendar days after occurrence of the vacancy for any cause. Requires such nominating authority to submit its nominations to the governor no later than 60 calendar days after occurrence of the vacancy. Requires the governor to fill the vacancy if a nominating authority fails to submit nominations 120 calendar days after occurrence of the vacancy.

New law designates legislative appointments and retains prior law which requires legislative nominations and appointments by the governor from such nominations to be made so that the board includes at least two members of a racial minority or one member of a racial minority and one woman.

Prior law provides that commissioners are limited to two consecutive terms and are not eligible for appointment to the board for a period of eight years after completion of the second term.

New law changes prior law to provide that commissioners are limited to two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms and are not eligible for appointment to the board for a period of 12 years after completion of two and one-half terms in the three consecutive terms.

New law requires members to serve until their successors have been appointed and take office.

New law extends the term of serving commissioners holding positions A and B on the board until August 1, 2015.

New law extends the term of serving commissioners holding positions E, F, and G on the board until August 1, 2016.

New law extends the term of serving commissioners holding positions C and D on the board until August 1, 2017.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 34:202(A))

