

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided for an Alexandria Regional Port with territorial limits concurrent with that of the municipal limits of the city of Alexandria.

New law changes the name of the Alexandria Regional Port to the Central Louisiana Regional Port and changes territorial limits of such port from the municipal limits of the city of Alexandria to the parish of Rapides, excluding any private port facility.

Prior law provided that the Alexandria Regional Port was governed by a board of commissioners composed of eight members, who served without compensation and who were appointed as follows:

- (1) Five of the commissioners were appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria and confirmed by the Alexandria City Council. Each commissioner was to be a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the state of Louisiana, and a resident of the city of Alexandria.
- (2) Three of the commissioners were appointed as follows: one commissioner appointed at large by the parish governing authority of Rapides Parish, one commissioner appointed at large by the parish governing authority of Grant Parish, and one commissioner appointed at large by the parish governing authority of Avoyelles Parish.

New law modifies prior law and provides that the Central Louisiana Regional Port shall be governed by a board of commissioners composed of the following members, who shall serve without compensation and who shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) Four of the commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria and confirmed by the Alexandria City Council. Each commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the state of Louisiana, and a resident of the city of Alexandria.
- (2) Three commissioners shall be appointed by the parish governing authority of Rapides Parish. Each commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the state of Louisiana, and a resident of Rapides Parish.
- (3) Two commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor of Pineville and confirmed by the Pineville City Council. Each commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the state of Louisiana, and a resident of the city of Pineville.
- (4) One commissioner shall be appointed by the mayor of Boyce and confirmed by the Boyce Board of Aldermen. The commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the state of Louisiana, and a resident of Rapides Parish.

Prior law provided that one of the commissioners initially appointed by the mayor of Alexandria served an initial term of one year. Two of the commissioners initially appointed by the mayor of Alexandria served an initial term of two years. Two of the commissioners initially appointed by the mayor of Alexandria served an initial term of three years. Thereafter, the successors to each of the commissioners appointed by the mayor of Alexandria were appointed for terms of four years. The commissioners representing the Red River Waterway Commission served terms concurrent with their terms on that commission.

New law removes prior law and provides that the commissioners for board of the Central Louisiana Regional Port shall be appointed to four-year terms after initial terms as provided in new law:

- (1) The four commissioners appointed by the mayor of the city of Alexandria and confirmed by the Alexandria City Council shall serve initial terms of four years, three years, two years, and one year, respectively, as designated by the mayor.

- (2) The three commissioners appointed by the governing authority of Rapides Parish shall serve initial terms of four years, three years, and two years, respectively, as designated by the governing authority of Rapides Parish.
- (3) The two commissioners appointed by the mayor of Pineville and confirmed by the Pineville City Council shall serve initial terms of four years and three years, respectively, as designated by the mayor.
- (4) The commissioner appointed by the mayor of Boyce and confirmed by the Boyce Board of Aldermen shall serve an initial term of four years.

New law provides that in the event that a nominating entity fails to appoint a commissioner 90 days after the effective date of new law, then the board shall appoint an interim commissioner to serve on the board until the position is filled by the respective nominating entity responsible for the appointment of such commissioner.

Prior law provided the board of commissioners exercised its powers within the port area, consisting of the entire city of Alexandria, including the port facility owned by the city of Alexandria.

New law provides that the board of commissioners shall exercise its powers within the port area, consisting of the entire parish of Rapides, excluding any private port facility.

New law provides for transitional provisions to complete the transfer of all obligations, rights, duties, property, and the like from the existing Alexandria Regional Port to the new Central Louisiana Regional Port.

Prior law established a port authority in Rapides Parish and provided for the jurisdiction, rights, powers, privileges, immunities of the port authority and the composition of the board of commissioners.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective July 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 34:335.1, 335.2(A), (B), and (C), and 335.3(A) and (E); Repeals R.S. 34:3522)