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Present law provides for the Crescent City Connection Oversight Authority (CCCOA), which shall establish priorities of projects from remaining funds after all operation and maintenance expenses of the bridges and ferries of the Crescent City Connection Division (CCCD) have been paid. The CCCOA shall consider the funding of projects approved by the legislature in accordance with R.S. 47:820.5 and shall have access to the accounting of all expenditures, revenues, project priorities, status of ongoing projects, and any other matters which relate to the Crescent City Connection, its operations, and related projects.

Present law further provides that the CCCOA shall be comprised of 13 members appointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate from a list of 3 nominees submitted by each of the state senators from Senate districts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and each of the state representatives from House districts 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 102, and 105. Members shall serve terms of 4 years; however, the first term shall commence on July 1, 1998, and terminate on June 30, 2000. Requires the CCCOA to report to the Senate and House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

Proposed law repeals present law and creates the Crescent City Connection Management Board.

Proposed law modifies the powers and duties of the secretary of DOTD relative to the Mississippi River Bridge Authority (MRBA) and the CCCD to authorize the Crescent City Connection Management Board to direct the actions of the secretary or designee of DOTD for the MRBA and the CCCD.

Proposed law provides for a board of 9 members. The members are the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or designee, one member with experience in law enforcement, homeland security, or traffic management nominated by certain law enforcement offices, one member who is a traffic engineer nominated by The Greater Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, one member who is a certified public accountant nominated by the Algiers Economic Development Foundation, Inc. and the New Algiers Council of Neighborhood Presidents, Inc., one member who is a structural or bridge engineer nominated by the Harvey Canal Industrial Association, one member nominated by Friends of the Ferry, one member nominated by Greater New Orleans, Inc., one member nominated by the Regional Planning Commission, and one member nominated by the Plaquemines Association of Business and Industry.

Proposed law provides that the board, beginning November 1, 2011, establish policy and direct the actions of the secretary of DOTD for the MRBA and for the operation and management of the CCCD.

Proposed law provides for such organizations to submit a list of names to the governor no later

than September 1, 2011. If the lists are not submitted timely, the governor shall make the appointments subject to qualifications. The initial term of the appointees shall commence on Oct. 1, 2011, and shall terminate on Dec. 31, 2012. Subsequent terms shall be for 4 years. Requires the board to report to the Senate and House Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

Proposed law provides that this Act will not impair the contractual or other obligations of any agency, office, department, or the state of Louisiana.

Section 3 effective September 30, 2011.

Effective July 1, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 36:504(A)(9) and 508.2(A) and R.S. 48:1101.1(A); Adds R.S. 36:509(W) and 801.24 and R.S. 48:110.1 thru 110.4; Repeals R.S. 47:820.5.3)