

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To create a task force to study and make recommendations relative to state and local

3 regulations, fees, and taxes on commercial transporters of oilfield and agricultural

4 products and the funding of repairs to parish roads used by such transporters and to

5 submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee

6 on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on

7 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works not later than January 31, 2019.

8 WHEREAS, trucks that haul oilfield and agricultural products must often use rural,

9 parish roads to access pick-up and delivery points; where such roads were originally

10 designed for local, private vehicle traffic, the weight of such trucks combined with the

11 frequency of trips sometimes contributes to road damage; and

12 WHEREAS, the state constitution provides that a substantial portion of the state

13 severance tax is remitted to the governing authority of the parish in which severance or

14 production occurs, and such funds may be used to repair roads utilized by companies

15 transporting oilfield and agricultural products; and

16 WHEREAS, some parishes require trucking companies to pay road bonds and permit

17 fees, in addition to severance taxes; and

18 WHEREAS, the trucking industry is subject to regulation by the federal government,

19 the state government, and in some cases, the Public Service Commission, and all of these

20 layers of regulation add costs for private entities in this business; and

1 WHEREAS, the addition of local regulations and fees, which may vary from one
2 parish to the next, to this already complex and costly regulatory scheme could make the
3 operation of a trucking business cost prohibitive in some locations; and

4 WHEREAS, the oil and gas and timber industries are among the leading sources of
5 revenue for Louisiana; they combine to provide employment opportunities for thousands of
6 Louisiana citizens and greatly contribute to local economies as well, but without an effective
7 transportation system for their products and byproducts, they would not be able to function;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, recognizing, however, that parish governments often bear the costs of
10 repairing parish roads, the legislature is considering a state permitting scheme in which
11 revenues collected for a state permit are distributed to parish governments as a replacement
12 for local permits, road bonds, and other local funding arrangements; and

13 WHEREAS, given the importance of maintaining roads in safe, working condition
14 and the complexity of the details associated with this policy proposal, it is appropriate that
15 the legislature should create a task force which will investigate these issues and related
16 topics and report its findings and recommendations to the legislature.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 create a task force to study and make recommendations relative to state and local
19 regulations, fees, and taxes on commercial transporters of oilfield and agricultural products
20 and the funding of repairs to parish roads used by such transporters and to submit a written
21 report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Transportation,
22 Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and
23 Public Works not later than January 31, 2019.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall be as
25 follows:

26 (1) Two members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of
27 whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives.

28 (2) Two members appointed by the president of the Senate, one of whom shall be
29 a member of the Senate.

30 (3) One member appointed by the governor.

1 (4) The secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development or his
2 designee.

3 (5) The secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee.

4 (6) The commissioner of agriculture or his designee.

5 (7) The president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association or his designee.

6 (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Forestry Association or his designee.

7 (9) The president of the Louisiana Motor Transport Association or his designee.

8 (10) The president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.

9 (11) The president of the American Sugar Cane League or his designee.

10 (12) The president of the Louisiana Logging Council or his designee.

11 (13) The president of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or his designee, the
12 executive director of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or his designee, and a member
13 of the executive board of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana selected by the board.

14 (14) The president of the Louisiana Municipal Association or his designee.

15 (15) The chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and
16 Public Works and the chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and
17 Public Works.

18 (16) The president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry or his
19 designee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of
21 Transportation and Development shall convene the first meeting, not later than September 1,
22 2018, and that department staff shall provide administrative support to the task force.

DIGEST

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Creates a task force to study and make recommendations relative to state and local regulations, fees, and taxes on commercial transporters of oilfield and agricultural products and the funding of repairs to parish roads used by such transporters and to report to the legislative committees on transportation, highways and public works by Jan. 31, 2019.

Membership of the task force shall be as follows:

- (1) Two members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the House of Representatives.
- (2) Two members appointed by the president of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the Senate.
- (3) One member appointed by the governor.
- (4) The secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the Dept. of Natural Resources or his designee.
- (6) The commissioner of agriculture or his designee.
- (7) The president of the La. Oil and Gas Assoc. or his designee.
- (8) The executive director of the La. Forestry Assoc. or his designee.
- (9) The president of the La. Motor Transport Assoc. or his designee.
- (10) The president of the La. Farm Bureau Federation or his designee.
- (11) The president of the American Sugar Cane League or his designee.
- (12) The president of the La. Logging Council or his designee.
- (13) The president and the executive director of the Police Jury Assoc. of La. or their designees and a member of the executive board of the association.
- (14) The president of the La. Municipal Assoc. or his designee.
- (15) The chairmen of the house and senate transportation committees.
- (16) The president of the La. Assoc. of Business and Industry or his designee.

Provides that the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development shall convene the first meeting, not later than Sept. 1, 2018, and that department staff shall provide administrative support to the task force.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the original bill:

1. Add the following members to the task force: the executive director of the Police Jury Assoc. and a member of the executive board of the association, the chairmen of the legislative transportation committees, and the president of the La. Assoc. of Business and Industry.