

commission will recognize and maintain the rights of these employees under existing labor contracts and applicable law. Proposed law will not be interpreted to prohibit future changes as may be permitted by law, contract, or negotiated agreement with employees.

Provisions ratifying the 2018 agreement are effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action. Provisions of this Act do not supersede the obligations set forth in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of New Orleans, The Public Belt Railroad Commission for the City of New Orleans, the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, and New Orleans Public Belt Railroad Corporation, dated February 1, 2018 including but not limited to Post-Closing Transfers

Other provisions become operative upon the lapse of certain time delays following the effectiveness of the federal Surface Transportation Board authority or exemption for the transfer of the public belt railroad system to the New Orleans Public Belt Rail Commission.

(Amends R.S. 33:4530(A), (B), and (C), 4531, and 4532; adds R.S. 33:4530(D), 4534, 4535, 4536, and 4537; repeals R.S. 33:4533 and Act 279 of the 2011 Regular Session)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides that the railroad commission, and any of its successors and assigns that operate, manage and develop the public belt railroad system, will be subject to the provisions of all federal railroad laws.
2. Provides that the railroad commission and the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans may make agreements between themselves to engage jointly in the construction, finance, acquisition, or improvement of any public port or rail project or improvement, the promotion and maintenance of any undertaking, or the exercise of any power.
3. Provides that the employees of the public belt railroad system may continue their existing employment arrangements.
4. Makes technical changes.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Clarifies that provisions of Act do not supersede certain obligations set forth in a CEA dated Feb. 1, 2018.