
DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission from an appointed body to an elected body. Establishes parishwide, nonpartisan elections conducted in alignment with the gubernatorial primary election cycle, establishes four-year terms for elected members, requires that vacancies be filled by special election, and outlines member transitions.

Present law establishes the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission consisting of nine members, who serve without compensation, and provides for members to be appointed by specified governing authorities and state officials, with appointments allocated among Caddo Parish, Bossier Parish, and the governor. Further requires that appointed commissioners serve terms of six years and that vacancies be filled in the same manner as original appointments. Requires appointing authorities to ensure racial diversity among appointees. Additionally, includes historical transition provisions that establish expiration dates for prior appointed terms.

Proposed law generally removes present law but retains creation authority, the nine member composition, and applies the compensation prohibition to elected commissioners.

Proposed law changes the commission to an elected body composed of nine commissioners elected parishwide by the qualified electors of Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

Proposed law requires that commissioners be elected at the gubernatorial primary election, beginning in 2027 and every four years thereafter, with elected commissioners taking office on Jan. 1st following the election. Additionally, requires that elections be administered by the secretary of state, including qualifying procedures and filing fees.

Proposed law requires that commissioners be citizens of the U.S., qualified voters of Caddo or Bossier parish, and residents of La.

Proposed law specifies that current appointed commissioners will continue to serve until Dec. 31, 2027, and that commissioners elected at the 2027 gubernatorial primary election will take office on Jan. 1, 2028. Prohibits commissioners from serving more than three consecutive four yr. terms.

Proposed law provides that vacancies be filled by special election.

Effective Aug. 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 34:3158)