
DIGEST

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Abstract: Sets the total compensation of the executive port director of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to the statewide average compensation of the top ten port directors in Louisiana and provides for definitions, annual calculations, reporting requirements, and applicability.

Present law (R.S. 34:3160) provides for the powers of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission, including authority to appoint and compensate an executive port director.

Proposed law modifies present law by prohibiting any contract, amendment, or renewal executed on or after Jan. 1, 2028, from authorizing total compensation that exceeds the statewide average established pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law (R.S. 34:3160.1) establishes the average total compensation of the executive port director of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission.

Proposed law defines "total compensation" as including all forms of remuneration, including salary, allowances, benefits, bonuses, deferred compensation, and any other monetary or nonmonetary compensation.

Proposed law prohibits the total compensation of the executive port director from exceeding the statewide average total compensation paid to executive port directors of the top 10 port authorities and port commissions in La.

Proposed law requires the statewide average of total compensation of port directors in the state to be calculated annually by the legislative auditor and division of administration using the most recent and reliable compensation data available. Requires vacancies and incomplete data to be treated in a manner that ensures accurate representation.

Proposed law requires that each port authority and port commission submit annual compensation data for its executive port director no later than 90 days after the end of its fiscal year, in a standardized format prescribed by the legislative auditor and the division of administration.

Proposed law requires the legislative auditor and division of administration, upon the effective date of proposed law, to calculate the mean total compensation of the top 10 port directors and commissioners statewide by Jan. 1, 2027.

Proposed law provides that beginning Jan. 1, 2028, the average total compensation requirement applies to any contract, amendment, or renewal executed on or after that date.

Proposed law specifies that no enforcement mechanism or penalty is created by proposed law.

Specifies that the provisions contained in proposed law apply prospectively only and do not affect the validity of existing lawful contracts. Requires contracts remain enforceable until expiration, amendment, or renewal.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 34:3160(B); Adds R.S. 34:3160.1)