

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 803

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

PORTS/NEW ORLEANS: Changes the membership of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1(A)(1) and (3) and (B)(3), relative to the membership of the  
3 Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans; to modify the membership of  
4 the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans; to increase the number of  
5 Board of Commissioners from St. Bernard Parish; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 34:1(A)(1) and (3) and (B)(3) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
8 read as follows:

9 §1. Continuation; qualifications; appointments; terms; vacancies

10 A. Membership; qualifications; vacancies.

11 (1) The Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, hereinafter  
12 referred to as "the board" is continued. The number of members comprising the  
13 board shall be ~~seven~~ eight, who shall be qualified voters, four of whom shall each  
14 have his principal place of business in the parish of Orleans, two of whom shall each  
15 have his principal place of business in the parish of Jefferson, and ~~one~~ two of whom  
16 shall have his principal place of business in the parish of St. Bernard. The four  
17 members from the parish of Orleans shall fill the positions on the board to be  
18 designated as Positions D, E, F, and G; the two members from the parish of Jefferson  
19 shall fill the positions on the board to be designated as Positions A and C; and the



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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Increases the membership of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.

Present law requires that the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans be comprised of seven members, with four members having his principal place of business in the parish of Orleans, with two members having his principal place of business in the parish of Jefferson, and with one member having his principal place of business in the parish of St. Bernard.

Proposed law increases the Board of Commissioners membership from seven to eight. Further increases the parish of St. Bernard's membership from one to two.

Present law requires that all members be experienced in the commerce or industry, or both, of the port area, when appointed prior to Aug. 1, 2018.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring members be experienced in the commerce or industry, or both, of the port area, who are appointed on or after Aug. 1, 2026.

Present law provides that the provisions of present law in effect on the date of any members appointment prior to Aug. 1, 2018 must apply for their terms.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the date from Aug. 1, 2018 to Aug. 1, 2026.

Present law requires that the seven present members appointed prior to Aug. 1, 2018 continue to serve on the board for the duration of their respective terms.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the date from Aug. 1, 2018 to Aug. 1, 2026.

Present law provides that a person employed in the maritime industry and appointed on or after to Aug. 1, 2018 may serve as a board member, subject to present law.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the date from Aug. 1, 2018 to Aug. 1, 2026.

Present law requires the nominating organization, appointed by the governor, be only selected from four different entities. Further provides that St. Bernard Parish have one nominee.

Proposed law increases the nominees from one to two for the St. Bernard Parish nominating organization.

(Amends R.S. 34:1(A)(1) and (3) and (B)(3))