
DIGEST

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Abstract: Transfers the Louisiana Ports and Waterways Investment Commission within the office of multimodal commerce, Department of Transportation and Development.

Present law (R.S. 34:5221(A)) creates the La. Ports and Waterways Investment Commission (commission) within the governor's office.

Proposed law removes the governor's office and transfers the commission within the office of multimodal commerce (OMC), the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD).

Present law (R.S. 34:5223(A)) provides for certain powers and duties of the commission. Specifically requires that the commission represent the public interest in the administration of present law and be responsible to the governor, the legislature, and the public. Further requires the commission advise the governor on problems concerning the administration of the commission and the functions and operations of La. ports. Additionally requires the commission make reports and recommendations on its own initiative or upon the request of the governor, the legislature, or any committee or member.

Proposed law replaces the governor with the OMC.

Present law (R.S. 34:5224(D)) requires that the commission receive an appropriation for the strategic plan and investment program upon the agreement of the governor and the legislature.

Proposed law changes the agreement to receive an appropriation for the strategic plan and investment program from the governor to the OMC.

Present law (R.S. 36:509(A)) provides for certain agencies transferred to the DOTD.

Proposed law requires the commission be placed within the OMC, DOTD.

(Amends R.S. 34:5221(A), 5223(A)(1), (4), and (5), and 5224(D); Adds R.S. 36:509(A)(4))