

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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

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

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

New law replaces the governor with the commissioner of multimodal commerce.

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

New law changes the agreement to receive an appropriation for the strategic plan and investment program from the governor to the commissioner of multimodal commerce.

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

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

Effective August 1, 2026.

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