

## DIGEST

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SB 30 Reengrossed

2019 Regular Session

Ward

Present law creates the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission composed of 15 members.

Proposed law changes the total number of members on the commission from 15 to 17, and adds two commissioners appointed by the governor from a panel of six names submitted by the legislative delegation of the parish of Pointe Coupee.

Present law provides that the commission shall exercise its powers within the port area consisting of the parishes of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, and Ascension.

Proposed law adds the parish of Pointe Coupee to the port area and specifies that the two commissioners must be appointed by the governor from a panel of 6 names submitted by the legislative delegation of the parish of Pointe Coupee, one of whom must be a member of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation from Pointe Coupee parish.

Present law authorizes the commission, with approval from the State Bond Commission, to incur debt for its lawful purposes and to issue in its name, negotiable bonds or notes, and to pledge the revenues derived from the operation of properties and facilities maintained and operated by it, or received by it from other sources, for the payment of such negotiable bonds and notes, provided that the amount of such bonds and notes outstanding at any one time shall not exceed \$100 million dollars. Authorized bonds constitute, first, a general obligation of the commission, and second, the full faith and credit of the parishes of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, and Ascension.

Proposed law pledges the full faith and credit of the parish of Pointe Coupee irrevocably on parity with the parishes of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, and Ascension to the commission's presently outstanding bonds, notes, and obligations, as well as to all bonds, notes, and obligations hereafter authorized, sold, and incurred by the commission.

Proposed law provides that all existing assets, debts, obligations, and contracts of the Pointe Coupee Port, Harbor and Terminal District, and the Pointe Coupee Port Commission are given full force and effect and are transferred to the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission and the Port of Greater Baton Rouge on Jan. 1, 2020.

Present law provides that the authority must be governed by a board of 15 commissioners, 11 of whom must be appointed by the governor.

Proposed law modifies the membership of the authority to be governed by a board of 14 commissioners, 10 of whom must be appointed by the governor.

Present law provides that one member of the commission must be selected by the New Orleans Public Belt Railway, and appointed by the governor, who must be a non-voting member.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Proposed law abolishes the Pointe Coupee Port, Harbor and Terminal District and the Pointe Coupee Port Commission and terminates the terms of the members of the Pointe Coupee Port Commission in office on or after 12:00 o'clock noon April 8, 2019, on Dec. 31, 2019.

Effective Jan. 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 34:1221(A), 1223(A), 1224(A), 3492(14), 3493(A)(1), 3494(A) and (B)(11) and (12), and 3499(F); repeals R.S. 34:2451-2458)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Deletes prior adopted Senate floor amendments.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the reengrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Require that one of the members of the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission, that is appointed by the governor, be a member of the La. Farm Bureau Federation from Pointe Coupee Parish.
3. Modify the definition of "Transfer Terminal facilities" to include an ability to accommodate deep draft vessels rather than deep draft container vessels.
4. Specify that the Board of Commissioners of the La. International Deep Water Gulf Transfer Terminal Authority must be governed by a board of fourteen commissioners instead of fifteen and specify that ten of those members must be appointed by the governor.
5. Remove the member of the commission that is selected by the New Orleans Public Belt Railway and appointed by the governor.