

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 69

BY SENATOR WHEAT

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS. Provides for the submission of nominees to the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1951(B)(2)(a), (c), (d), and (g), relative to the South  
3 Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission; to provide for the composition of the board of  
4 commissioners; to provide for the submission of nominees; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 34:1951(B)(2)(a), (c), (d), and (g) are hereby amended and reenacted  
9 to read as follows:

10 §1951. Creation of South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission

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12 B.(1) \* \* \*

13 (2) Upon the expiration of the term of each member whose term expires as  
14 provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection or the creation of a vacancy in the seat  
15 of any such member, whichever occurs first, the governor shall appoint the successor  
16 to the member, subject to Senate confirmation, as follows and in the following order:

17 (a) First, one member from a list of three nominees submitted by the senator

representing Senate District ~~Six~~ **Thirty-seven**.

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(c) Third, one member from a list of three nominees submitted by the senator representing Senate District ~~Eleven~~ **Thirty-seven**.

(d) Fourth, one member from a list of three nominees submitted by the ~~Ponchatoula~~ **Ponchatoula** Chamber of Commerce.

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(g) Seventh, one member from a list of three nominees submitted by the senator representing Senate District ~~Six~~, **Thirty-seven and** the representative representing House of Representatives District Seventy-three, ~~and the senator representing Senate District Eleven~~.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law (R.S. 34:1951) provides that upon the expiration of the term of each member whose term expires as provided in present law or the creation of a vacancy in the seat of any such member, whichever occurs first, the governor shall appoint the successor to the member, subject to Senate confirmation, as follows and in the following order:

- (1) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the senator representing Senate District Six.
- (2) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the representative representing House of Rep. District 73.
- (3) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the senator representing Senate District 11.
- (4) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce.
- (5) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the Tangipahoa Chamber of Commerce.
- (6) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the Tangipahoa Economic Development Foundation.
- (7) One member from a list of three nominees submitted by the senator representing Senate District Six, the representative representing House of Rep. District 73, and

the senator representing Senate District 11.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the nominating process so that the senator representing Senate District 37 replaces the senators representing Senate District Six and Senate District 11.

Proposed law makes a technical change by correcting the spelling of Ponchatoula in present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 34:1951(B)(2)(a), (c), (d), and (g))