
DIGEST

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HB No. 828

Abstract: Terminates the Crescent City Connection Oversight Authority and replaces it with the Crescent City Connection Commission.

Present law provides for the Crescent City Connection Oversight Authority (CCCOA), which shall establish priorities of projects from remaining funds after all operation and maintenance expenses of the bridges and ferries of the CCCD have been paid. The CCCOA shall consider the funding of projects approved by the legislature in accordance with R.S. 47:820.5 and shall have access to the accounting of all expenditures, revenues, project priorities, status of ongoing projects, and any other matters which relate to the Crescent City Connection, its operations, and related projects.

Present law further provides that the CCCOA shall be comprised of 13 members appointed by the governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate from a list of three nominees submitted by each of the state senators from Senate districts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and each of the state representatives from House districts 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 102, and 105. Members shall serve terms of four years; however, the first term shall commence on July 1, 1998, and terminate on June 30, 2000. Requires the CCCOA to report to the Senate and House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

Proposed law repeals present law and instead creates the Crescent City Connection Commission.

Proposed law provides that the commission shall advise and recommend to the secretary of DOTD on issues relative to the operations and management of the Crescent City Connection Division. Provides for the mail ballot election of six members to the commission, three from the House and three from the Senate. Provides that the governor shall appoint one member at large and the secretary of DOTD or his designee shall be a member and shall serve as chairman.

Proposed law provides that commission members, at a minimum, shall possess a college degree or postgraduate degree, with preference given to those with a degree in business, finance law or management. Provides that members, except the secretary or his designee may receive a per diem of \$150 for each meeting attended and shall not hold any public office nor serve on any other state board, commission, or authority.

Proposed law provides that if state legislators do not timely submit their nominees, the governor shall appoint these members at large. Provides that terms shall commence on October 1, 2009 and terminate on December 31, 2012.

Proposed law subjects commission members to the disclosure requirements of R.S. 42:1124.2.1.

Effective June 30, 2009.

(Adds R.S. 47:820.5.5; Repeals R.S. 47:820.5.3)