
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 Crescent City Connection Division (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 that the each senator from Senate districts 1, 3, 7, and 8, and each representative from House districts 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 93, 102, 104, and 105 shall submit three names of persons to the governor. Provides that each nominee submitted to the governor for consideration on the commission shall be a resident of Louisiana. Further provides that to the extent possible the list of names submitted by the legislators shall include persons who have special competence in business, management, finance, law, and human resources. 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 the list of names shall be submitted to the governor no later than Aug. 31, 2009. If the list is not timely submitted, the governor shall make the appointments at large. The terms of the appointees shall commence on Oct. 1, 2009, and shall terminate on Dec. 31, 2012.

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

Effective July 1, 2009.

(Adds R.S. 47:820.5.6; Repeals R.S. 47:820.5.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Changes the appointment process.
2. Removes qualifications required to be considered for appointment.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Adds the legislator from House District No. 93 to the list of nominators and removes the legislators from Senate Districts Nos. 5 and 6 from the list of nominators.
2. Removes the provisions for per diem and expense reimbursement.
3. Requires the commission to meet every other month instead of every month.