
DIGEST

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HB No. 354

Abstract: Requires only those members appointed by the governor to be subject to Senate confirmation. Reduces the number of mandatory meetings required for the board of the Southeast Regional Airport Authority from monthly meetings to semiannual meetings. Changes the domicile of the authority from Jefferson Parish to Orleans Parish and further deletes the requirement for the authority to appear before certain committees.

Present law requires each member of the board to be a U.S. citizen, a resident of La., and to be of outstanding personal and professional reputation. Further provides that each member of the authority shall be subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law retains present law except that only those members appointed by the governor shall be subject to Senate confirmation.

Present law provides that the board shall hold regular monthly meetings and may hold additional meetings as it deems necessary. Further provides that a board member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings, or four or more meetings in a one-calendar-year period, without being excused by the chairman of the board shall be removed for cause, and upon removal, that position shall be declared vacant and filled as provided in present law.

Proposed law changes the required board meetings from monthly meetings to semiannual meetings. Further changes the provision that a board member may be removed for cause from failure to attend three consecutive meetings, or four or more meetings in a one-calendar-year period to two consecutive meetings in a one-calendar-year period,

Present law provides that all meetings of the board and all minutes and records thereof shall be subject to the Open Meetings Law and Public Records Act. Further provides that a majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum and a quorum shall be required for the transaction of all business of the board. All actions of the authority shall be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that Jefferson Parish shall be the domicile of the authority.

Proposed law changes the domicile from Jefferson Parish to Orleans Parish.

Present law requires the authority to submit a status report, appear before and be subject to oversight of the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works, and to submit a status report and be subject to oversight of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget financial matters.

Proposed law retains present law except that the authority shall appear upon request of the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways and public works.

(Amends R.S. 2:705(C), (I), and (M) and 706(F))