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HOUSE BILL NO. 610

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. GERMAIN

PORTS/BATON ROUGE: Provides for two additional members on the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1221(A)(introductory paragraph) and (5), relative to the 3 Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission; to increase the membership of the 4 commission; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 34:1221(A)(introductory paragraph) and (5) are hereby amended and 7 reenacted to read as follows: 8 §1221. Creation of Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission; per diem; number of 9 days per diem allowed 10 A. There is hereby created a commission to be known as the Greater Baton 11 Rouge Port Commission which shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by 12 the governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The members shall 13 receive per diem; provided, however, that the per diem of each member shall not 14 exceed seventy-five dollars per day during the time the member is in actual 15 attendance upon the board, or performing duties authorized by the board. The per 16 diem shall be payable for a maximum of twenty-four days per year, except if an 17 emergency is declared by the governor. During the period of an emergency as 18 determined by the governor, the commission shall be authorized to hold as many 19 meetings or emergency activities as the commission deems necessary and the members shall be paid per diem for such meetings or activities. Members shall be appointed as follows:

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panel of six eight names submitted by Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Inc. Of the six eight names submitted, three four shall reside on the east side of the Mississippi River in Ascension, East Baton Rouge, or Iberville Parishes parishes and three four shall reside on the west side of the Mississippi River in Ascension, Iberville, or West Baton Rouge Parishes parishes and the governor shall appoint one two of the nominees from the east side and one two from the west side of the Mississippi River.

DIGEST

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St. Germain HB No. 610

Abstract: Adds two more members to the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission be composed of 15 members. <u>Present law</u> specifically provides that two of the commissioners shall be appointed from a list of six names submitted by the La. Farm Bureau Federation. Provides that of those six names three shall reside on the east side of the Mississippi River in Ascension, EBR, or Iberville parishes and three shall reside on the west side of the river in Ascension, Iberville, or WBR parishes. Provides that the governor shall appoint one from the east side of the river and one from the west side of the river.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the number of members provided for in <u>present law</u> to four. <u>Proposed law</u> increases the list of names submitted to eight and further provides that the governor shall appoint two members from the east side of the river and two members from the west side of the river.

(Amends R.S. 34:1221(A)(intro. para.) and (5))