
DIGEST

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Creates the Air Quality Monitoring Commission charged with the responsibility to study the efficacy and adequacy of the state's air monitoring system, specifically the costs and benefits of expanding the state's air monitoring system.

The commission members serve without compensation, except they may receive per diem or expenses as members of their constituent organizations. The membership shall be composed of the following:

- (1) The secretary of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, or his designee.
- (2) The secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality, or his designee.
- (3) A representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designated by the administrator.
- (4) The chair of the Dept. of Global Environmental Health Sciences of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, or his designee.
- (5) The director of the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Program at the LSU Health Sciences Center, or his designee.
- (6) Nine residents each representing one of the state's nine homeland security and emergency management regions appointed jointly by the chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources from a list of nominees submitted by the governing authority of local governmental entities. Nominees shall live within the region from which they are nominated, have demonstrated a commitment in their parish or municipality to improve air quality, and submit a letter of interest to the governing authority of their local governmental entity. The governing authority shall submit one nominee, selected from residents who submitted a letter of interest, to the chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- (7) Two representatives from the nonprofit sector who have a demonstrated history of addressing industrial emissions and air quality appointed jointly by the chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources from a list of nominees submitted by the La. Bucket

Brigade, the League of Women Voters, and the La. Environmental Action Network.

- (8) Two representatives from the La. Chemical Association and the La. Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association who have a demonstrated history of addressing industrial emissions and air quality appointed jointly by the chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the chair of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

Prohibits membership to the commission if at anytime during the prior four years, the person derived anything of substantial economic interest directly or indirectly through any transaction involving any of the industries or facilities with a major air permit of which he may reasonably be expected to know, or from any entity that transacts business with any such industries or facilities of which he may reasonably be expected to know.

The first meeting shall be called by the secretary of the Dept. of Environmental Quality where the chairman and vice chairman shall be elected.

The commission shall meet as necessary and shall submit a report of its findings to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources no later than Feb. 1, 2015.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Added two representatives from the La. Chemical Association and the La. Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.