

**ACT No. 671**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 886

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:2471(A)(introductory paragraph), (3), (4), (5), and (6),  
3 relative to the Port of South Louisiana Commission; to increase the membership on  
4 the commission; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 34:2471(A)(introductory paragraph), (3), (4), (5), and (6) are hereby  
7 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2471. Creation; membership

9 A. There is hereby created the Port of South Louisiana, as a political  
10 subdivision of the state, with jurisdictional authority encompassing the geographical  
11 boundaries of the parishes of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, and St. James. The  
12 Port of South Louisiana shall be governed by a board of ~~seven~~ nine members who  
13 shall be appointed as follows:

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15 (3) Two members shall be appointed by the governor from a list of one  
16 nominee from each parish located within the territorial jurisdiction of the port who  
17 is a resident of such parish, ~~or who may, instead of holding residency, be the chief~~  
18 ~~executive officer of a business which is principally operated within each parish from~~  
19 the list of nominees submitted to him by each of the following organizations:

- 20 (a) Louisiana Farm Bureau.
- 21 (b) Louisiana AFL-CIO.
- 22 (c) Southern University River Parishes Alumni Association.
- 23 (d) River Region Chamber of Commerce.

24 (4) One member shall be appointed by the governor from a list of one  
25 nominee each from each parish located within the territorial jurisdiction of the port  
26 who is a resident of such parish, ~~or who may, instead of residency, be the chief~~

1 ~~executive officer of a business which is principally operated~~ from the list of  
2 nominees submitted to him by each of the following organizations:

- 3 (a) River Parishes Chemical Industry Council.
- 4 (b) Grain Elevator and Processing Society.
- 5 (c) Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association.
- 6 (d) New Orleans and Baton Rouge Port Pilots Association.

7 ~~(5) One member-at-large who shall reside and be domiciled within the~~  
8 ~~geographical boundaries of the port shall be appointed by the governor. The person~~  
9 ~~appointed shall be selected on the basis of his demonstrated experience in civic~~  
10 ~~leadership and his ability and experience to act effectively for the best interest of the~~  
11 ~~port and the state of Louisiana.~~ Three members, one of whom is a resident of St.  
12 Charles Parish, one of whom is a resident of St. John the Baptist Parish, and one of  
13 whom is a resident of St. James Parish, shall be appointed by the governor at his sole  
14 discretion.

15 (6) ~~From the nominees submitted to the governor for appointment he shall~~  
16 ~~select one resident from each parish located within the territorial jurisdiction of the~~  
17 ~~port, one of whom may, instead of residency, be the chief executive officer of a~~  
18 ~~business which is principally operated within such parish.~~ In making appointments  
19 to the commission from among the nominees submitted to the governor as provided  
20 in Paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of this Subsection, the governor shall appoint members  
21 in a manner to ensure that three of the members shall be residents of St. Charles  
22 Parish, three shall be residents of St. John the Baptist Parish, and three shall be  
23 residents of St. James Parish.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_