

SENATE BILL NO. 166

BY SENATORS WALSWORTH AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 34:1401(A) and (B) and to enact R.S. 34:1402(C), relative to  
3 membership on the Greater Ouachita Port Commission; to provide for residency  
4 requirements and removal of commissioners failing to attend the required number  
5 of regular meetings; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 34:1401(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 34:  
9 1402(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1401. Creation of commission; membership; qualifications; vacancy

11 A. The Greater Ouachita Port Commission, the "commission", is hereby  
12 created. The commission shall be composed of seven members, who shall serve  
13 without compensation. The members must be citizens of the United States and  
14 qualified electors of the parish of Ouachita and shall be appointed by the governor  
15 for overlapping terms of six years, as follows:

16 (1) Two commissioners shall be appointed at large.

17 (2) Two commissioners shall be residents of ~~Ward 3, 4, or 10~~ **District 3**  
18 **consisting of precincts 10 through 24, District 4 consisting of precincts 25 and**  
19 **26, or District 10 consisting of precincts 59 through 72 and 74 through 79** and  
20 shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the  
21 state legislators representing these ~~wards~~ **districts**.

22 (3) Two commissioners shall be residents of ~~Ward 5, 6, 7, 8, or 9~~ **District 5**  
23 **consisting of precincts 27 through 50, District 6 consisting of precincts 51**

1 through 53, District 7 consisting of precincts 54 and 55, District 8 consisting of  
2 precincts 56 and 57, or District 9 consisting of precinct 58 and shall be appointed  
3 by the governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the state legislators  
4 representing these ~~wards~~ districts.

5 (4) One commissioner shall be a resident of ~~Ward 1 or 2~~ District 1 consisting  
6 of precincts 1 through 5 and precinct 73, or District 2 consisting of precincts 2  
7 through 9A and shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three nominees  
8 submitted by the state legislators representing these ~~wards~~ districts.

9 B. The commissioner initially appointed from ~~Ward 1 or 2~~ District 1  
10 consisting of precincts 1 through 5 and precinct 73, or District 2 consisting of  
11 precincts 2 through 9A and one of the commissioners initially appointed from ~~Ward~~  
12 ~~5, 6, 7, 8, or 9~~ District 5 consisting of precincts 27 through 50, District 6  
13 consisting of precincts 51 through 53, District 7 consisting of precincts 54 and  
14 55, District 8 consisting of precincts 56 and 57, or District 9 consisting of  
15 precinct 58 shall serve terms of two years; one of the commissioners initially  
16 appointed at large and one of the commissioners initially appointed from ~~Ward 3, 4,~~  
17 ~~or 10~~ District 3 consisting of precincts 10 through 24, District 4 consisting of  
18 precincts 25 and 26, or District 10 consisting of precincts 59 through 72 and 74  
19 through 79 shall serve terms of four years; and the other three commissioners  
20 initially appointed shall serve terms of six years, all as designated by the governor.  
21 The successors shall serve terms of six years. Each commissioner shall take and  
22 cause to be recorded the oath of office, as required by Article X, Section 30 of the  
23 Constitution of Louisiana and R.S. 42:161 et seq.

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25 §1402. Officers; meetings; quorum; removal

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27 C. Members who fail to attend three or more consecutive regular  
28 meetings may be removed by a majority of commission members present at a  
29 regular or special meeting of the commission. Filling vacancies created by  
30 removal shall be pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 34:1401(A) and (B).

1           Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bill to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana; if  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval by, whichever is later.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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