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H.B. No. 1403

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the board of port commissioners of the Port of Beaumont
3 Navigation District of Jefferson County.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 8 and 12, Chapter 147, Acts of the 51st
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 1949, are amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 8. As soon as practicable after the election of the
8 first Board of Port Commissioners, and as soon as practicable after
9 the election of each succeeding Board of Port Commissioners, there
10 shall be elected by the board a president, vice-president, and
11 secretary and treasurer of the district to serve during the tenure
12 of office of the Board of Port Commissioners so electing the same.
13 The president and vice-president shall be members of the Board of
14 Port Commissioners, but the office of secretary and treasurer,
15 which is here constituted as one office, may be filled by a person
16 not a member of the Board of Port Commissioners. Four [~~Three~~]
17 commissioners shall constitute a quorum at any meeting[, ~~and the~~
18 ~~concurrence of three shall be sufficient in all matters pertaining~~
19 ~~to the business of the district~~]. The board of commissioners shall
20 employ and prescribe the duties of all employees necessary for the
21 proper handling of its business and the operation of the district.
22 They may employ a general manager for the district and may give the
23 person so employed full authority in the management and operation
24 of the district's affairs, subject only to the orders of the board

1 of commissioners. The commissioners shall be the managing officers
2 in charge of all the business and affairs of the district and shall
3 make all contracts pertaining thereto. All vacancies in the office
4 of commissioners and other officers shall be filled by appointment
5 by the board of commissioners for the unexpired term. If the number
6 of commissioners shall be reduced to three [~~two~~], such remaining
7 commissioners shall call a special election to fill the vacancies.
8 All commissioners and officers shall serve until their successors
9 have qualified. A regular office shall be established and
10 maintained for the conduct of the district's business either within
11 the district or any place within the City of Beaumont.

12 Sec. 12. Each commissioner shall receive for his services
13 the sum of \$500 [~~Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars~~] per month, except
14 the president who shall receive \$550 [~~Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00)~~
15 ~~Dollars~~] per month, plus actual traveling expenses. The board of
16 commissioners shall fix the compensation of the secretary, general
17 manager, attorneys, engineers, and all other employees, and said
18 board shall fix and determine the term and time of employment of all
19 officers and employees of the district; provided that all officers
20 and employees of the district, except the commissioners themselves,
21 shall hold their offices subject to the will of the Board of Port
22 Commissioners.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.