

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3692
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The compensation of the commissioners of the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County has not been increased since the district's creation in the early 1960s. Over the last several months, the commissioners conducted an informal survey and determined that commissioners of comparable districts are paid significantly more than the district's current \$50 per month for commissioners and \$75 per month for the president. The commissioners and president requested an increase to \$200 and \$250, respectively. The compensation sought is still less than that of comparable districts such as Beaumont, where commissioners are paid \$500 and \$550 per month.

H.B. 3692 increases the compensation of the members of the board of port commissioners of the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County from \$50 to \$200 per month and the compensation of the president of the board from \$75 to \$250 per month.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3692 amends Section 11, Chapter 197, Acts of the 58th Legislature, Regular Session, 1963, to increase from \$50 to \$200 per month the compensation of a member of the board of port commissioners of the Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County and to increase from \$75 to \$250 per month the compensation of the president of the board.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2009.