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H.B. No. 623

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the board of pilot commissioners for the ports of  
3 Galveston County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 67.011, Transportation Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 67.011. BOARD. The board of pilot commissioners for  
8 the ports of Galveston County is composed of:

9 (1) four [~~five~~] commissioners from Galveston County  
10 appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate;  
11 and

12 (2) the chair of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston  
13 Wharves, or a member of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston  
14 Wharves designated by the chair.

15 SECTION 2. Section 67.012, Transportation Code, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 67.012. PROHIBITED INTEREST. (a) A person may not be  
18 a member of the board if the person has a conflict of interest that  
19 affects [~~or a direct or indirect interest in any business affected~~  
20 ~~by or connected with~~] the performance of the person's duties as a  
21 pilot commissioner.

22 (b) Serving on both the Board of Trustees of the Galveston  
23 Wharves and the board of pilot commissioners for the ports of  
24 Galveston County is not a conflict of interest under this section.

1           SECTION 3. Section 67.014, Transportation Code, is amended  
2 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as  
3 follows:

4           (a) Board members appointed by the governor serve staggered  
5 four-year terms of office.

6           (c) A board member described by Section 67.011(2) serves a  
7 term of office that coincides with the member's term on the Board of  
8 Trustees of the Galveston Wharves.

9           SECTION 4. (a) The changes in law made by this Act in the  
10 qualifications of members of the board of pilot commissioners for  
11 the ports of Galveston County do not affect the entitlement of a  
12 member serving on the board immediately before the effective date  
13 of this Act to continue to carry out the board's functions for the  
14 remainder of the member's term.

15           (b) The term of a member of the board of pilot commissioners  
16 for the ports of Galveston County described by Section 67.011(2),  
17 Transportation Code, as added by this Act, begins on the date the  
18 first vacancy occurs after the effective date of this Act.

19           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.