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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 693

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 693 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Waterway Ports Commission Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 5, 10, and 15 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1816/5)

7 Sec. 5. Creation; membership; administrative support.

8 (a) The Illinois Waterway Ports Commission is hereby  
9 created. The Commission shall exercise jurisdiction with  
10 respect to the duties and powers delegated to it under this Act  
11 within the following port districts and counties: the Seneca  
12 Regional Port District, the Ottawa Port District, the Illinois  
13 Valley Regional Port District, the Heart of Illinois Regional  
14 Port District, and the Havana Port District and Fulton, Mason,  
15 Tazewell, Peoria, Woodford, Marshall, Putnam, Bureau, LaSalle,  
16 and Grundy counties.

1 (b) The Commission shall consist of the following 9  
2 appointed members:

3 (1) a member appointed by the Chairperson of the Board  
4 of the Seneca Regional Port District, ~~appointed by the~~  
5 ~~Chairperson of the Board;~~

6 (2) a member appointed by the Chairperson of the Board  
7 of the Ottawa Port District, ~~appointed by the Chairperson~~  
8 ~~of the Board;~~

9 (3) a member appointed by the Chairperson of the Board  
10 of the Illinois Valley Regional Port District, ~~appointed~~  
11 ~~by the Chairperson of the Board;~~

12 (4) a member appointed by the Chairperson of the Board  
13 of the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District, ~~appointed~~  
14 ~~by the Chairperson of the Board;~~

15 (5) a member appointed by the Chairperson of the Board  
16 of the Havana Regional Port District, ~~appointed by the~~  
17 ~~Chairperson of the Board;~~

18 (6) a member from a not-for-profit organization that  
19 assists with local government planning within the northern  
20 territory of the Commission, appointed by the majority  
21 vote of the chairpersons of the Seneca Regional Port  
22 District, Ottawa Port District, Illinois Valley Regional  
23 Port District, Heart of Illinois Regional Port District,  
24 and Havana Regional Port District;

25 (7) a member appointed by the Tri-County Regional  
26 Planning Commission from the Tri-County Regional Planning

1 Commission;

2 (8) a member from a not-for-profit organization that  
3 assists with local government planning within the southern  
4 territory of the Commission, appointed by the majority  
5 vote of the chairpersons of the Seneca Regional Port  
6 District, Ottawa Port District, Illinois Valley Regional  
7 Port District, Heart of Illinois Regional Port District,  
8 and Havana Regional Port District;

9 (9) a member that is recommended by the Chairperson of  
10 the Board of the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District  
11 and appointed by the majority vote of the chairpersons of  
12 the Seneca Regional Port District, Ottawa Port District,  
13 Illinois Valley Regional Port District, Heart of Illinois  
14 Regional Port District, and Havana Regional Port District.

15 The members shall be appointed no later than 90 days after  
16 the effective date of this Act. The members shall hold office  
17 for a period of 6 years, or until a successor has been  
18 appointed, and the members shall serve without compensation.  
19 At the expiration of the term of an appointed member, the  
20 person, organization, chairperson, or chairpersons who  
21 appointed the member shall appoint a successor who shall hold  
22 office for 6 years or until a successor has been appointed.

23 (c) The members of the Commission shall elect a  
24 chairperson of the Commission for a 2-year term after all the  
25 members are selected. A member of the Commission shall not  
26 serve more than 2 terms as chairperson.

1 (d) If a vacancy occurs in the Commission membership, the  
2 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
3 appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

4 (e) The Commission shall meet no less than once a year.

5 (f) The Heart of Illinois Regional Port District shall  
6 provide administrative support and other support to the  
7 Commission.

8 (Source: P.A. 103-214, eff. 6-30-23.)

9 (70 ILCS 1816/10)

10 Sec. 10. Duties. The Commission has the following duties:

11 (1) to coordinate and synchronize common efforts and  
12 initiatives within the areas over which it has jurisdiction  
13 under this Act ~~in order to enhance the reporting and benefits~~  
14 ~~of statistical data;~~

15 (2) to make recommendations to the Governor, the General  
16 Assembly, Congress, and federal agencies on regional issues  
17 that impact multimodal transportation, economic development,  
18 environmental sustainability, and climate resiliency within  
19 the areas over which it has jurisdiction under this Act;

20 (3) to coordinate and synchronize common efforts and  
21 initiatives with the Mid-America Port Commission and the  
22 Joliet Regional Port District;

23 (4) to coordinate and synchronize federal activities  
24 associated with the nonfederal sponsorship and development of  
25 the M-55 Illinois-Gulf Marine Highway; and

1 (5) to request funding or assist in requesting funding, as  
2 it deems necessary, for those areas over which it has  
3 jurisdiction under this Act.

4 (Source: P.A. 103-214, eff. 6-30-23.)

5 (70 ILCS 1816/15)

6 Sec. 15. Powers.

7 (a) The Commission may request funding from any federal,  
8 state, municipal, or local government or any other person or  
9 organization for purposes of the Commission within the  
10 Commission's jurisdiction. The individual port districts  
11 within the Commission's jurisdiction retain authority to  
12 request funding from any federal, state, municipal, or local  
13 government or any other person or organization for purposes of  
14 the individual port districts within the Commission area.

15 (b) The Commission may enter into a memorandum of  
16 understanding or intergovernmental agreement with the State, a  
17 unit of local government, or a federal governmental  
18 organization in the performance of its duties. The Commission  
19 may not exercise control over an ~~a~~ operation of a port district  
20 established by any other law except by voluntary agreement  
21 between the port district and the Commission.

22 (c) The Commission may acquire, purchase, install, lease,  
23 construct, own, hold, maintain, equip, use, control, or  
24 operate ports, harbors, waterways, channels, wharves, piers,  
25 docks, quays, elevators, tipples, compresses, bulk loading and

1 unloading facilities, warehouse, dry docks, marine support  
2 railways, tugboats, ships, vessels, shipyards, shipbuilding  
3 facilities, machinery and equipment dredges, or any other  
4 facilities required or incidental to the construction,  
5 outfitting, dry docking, or repair of ships or vessels, or  
6 water, air, or rail terminals, or roadways or approaches to  
7 the facilities or other structures or facilities necessary for  
8 the convenient use of the same in the aid of commerce,  
9 including the dredging, deepening, extending, widening, or  
10 enlarging of any ports, harbors, rivers, channels, or  
11 waterways, the damming of inland waterways, the establishment  
12 of a water basin, the acquisition and development of  
13 industrial sites, or the reclaiming of submerged lands.

14 (d) The Commission may not exercise control over the  
15 operation of port districts established by any other law of  
16 the State, except by voluntary agreement between the port  
17 district and the Commission.

18 (e) ~~(e)~~ The Commission may perform any other act that may  
19 be useful in performing its duties under Section 10 or powers  
20 under this Section, including, but not limited to, enhancing  
21 the reporting and benefits of statistical data.

22 (Source: P.A. 103-214, eff. 6-30-23; revised 9-25-23.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law."