

**RESOLUTION NO. 27 of 2026**

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 170 OF THE 2026 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA PROVIDING NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CADDO-BOSSIER PARISHES PORT COMMISSION AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 170 (2026 Regular Session) addresses appointments to the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 170 adds the requirement that appointees have expertise in expertise in economic development, transportation, logistics, or commercial real estate; and

WHEREAS, other types of expertise would be helpful to port commission members and should not only be limited to expertise in the afore-mentioned fields; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 170 adds the requirement that appointees be confirmed by the Louisiana Senate; and

WHEREAS, port commission decisions are primarily local in nature and directly affect the local tax base and local neighborhood makeup; and

WHEREAS, giving senate confirmation power over appointees expands the power of state lawmakers over those local decisions and dilutes the appointment power of local lawmakers; and

WHEREAS, because the electorate has adequate remedies if dissatisfied with the appointments made by their local elected officials, there is no need for the participation of state elected officials in the appointment process of a body that makes local decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby express its opposition to Senate Bill 170 and urges the Louisiana Legislature to reject any legislation that adds requirements to the appointment of Caddo-Bossier Port Commission members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Caddo Parish Commission encourages the Legislature to preserve and respect the existing statutory framework of the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent, following adoption, to the Louisiana Legislature and to the members of the legislative delegation of Caddo Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

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Parish Attorney

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Date