

## **House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure**

Minutes of Meeting  
2024 Regular Session  
May 28, 2024

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chairman of the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure, called the meeting to order at 12:46 p.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Representative Nicholas Muscarello, Jr., chairman  
Representative Chad Brown  
Representative Josh Carlson  
Representative Emily Chenevert  
Representative Kathy Edmonston  
Representative Peter F. Egan, Sr.  
Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso  
Representative Michael T. Johnson  
Representative Ed Larvadain, III  
Representative Michael Melerine  
Representative Sylvia Elaine Taylor  
Representative Christopher Turner, vice chairman  
Representative Lauren Ventrella  
Representative John E. Wyble

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.  
Representative Mark Wright

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Allison Alonzo, attorney  
Jennifer Nguyen, attorney  
Megan Sanders, committee administrative assistant

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

Michael McCain, clerk  
Allie Eaves, clerk  
Rebecca Marshall, sergeant at arms

**III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION****Senate Bill No. 181 by Senator Morris**

Senator Morris presented Senate Bill No. 181, a constitutional amendment which provides for membership of the State Civil Service Commission.

At the request of the author, Representative Muscarello offered amendments to change the term limit for members of the State Civil Service Commission from three six-year terms to two four-year terms and provide that the governor shall assign staggered terms of up to four years for each member of the commission in office on January 1, 2025. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Representative Muscarello offered amendments to change the election date from November 5, 2024, to December 7, 2024, and change the ballot language. Representative Muscarello offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Brown, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Larvadain, Melerine, Taylor, Turner, and Wyble voted yea.

Andrew Monteverde, New Orleans Civil Service Commission, no address provided, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 181.

Christina Carroll, City of New Orleans Civil Service Commission, 1340 Poydras St., Ste. 900, New Orleans, LA 70112, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 181.

Chad Major, Professional Firefighters, Baton Rouge, LA, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 181.

David Scott Hughes, Commissioner, State Civil Service, 604 Pierremont Rd., Shreveport, LA 71106, spoke in opposition to Senate Bill No. 181.

David Duplantier, Louisiana State Civil Service Commission, 20 Cardinal Rd., Covington, LA 70433, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 181.

Byron Decoteau, Jr., State Civil Service, 1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 181.

Sherri Gregoire, State Civil Service, 1201 N. Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802, spoke for information only on Senate Bill No. 181.

Representative Edmonston offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 181 with amendments, to which Representative Brown objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and Senate Bill No. 181 was reported with amendments by a vote of 9 yeas and 3 nays. Representatives Muscarello, Carlson, Chenevert, Edmonston, Egan, Glorioso, Melerine, Turner, and Wyble voted yea. Representatives Brown, Larvadain, and Taylor voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 6 in opposition. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Nicholas Muscarello, Jr.  
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