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Abstract: Relative to the board of directors of the Special School District, revises entities nominating members for appointment by the governor and provides relative to terms of service.

Present law provides for governance of the Special School District by a board of directors with 12 members subject to Senate confirmation (one member of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education appointed by the state board president and 11 members appointed by the governor).

Present law provides for one member representing persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, selected from a list of six persons, two of whom shall be nominated by each of the following:


(b) The La. Assoc. of the Deaf.

(c) Deaf Focus.

Proposed law replaces Deaf Focus with the Betty and Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center.

Present law provides that board member terms are concurrent with the term of the person making the appointment, that they shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, and shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Provides that a vacancy on the board shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment. Proposed law provides that members shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified unless removed by the appointing authority and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:1945.1(A)(8)(c) and (C))