

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 296

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1132(B)(2), relative to the Board of Ethics; to provide  
3 relative to the nominating committee for membership on the Board of Ethics; to  
4 provide relative to appointing authorities for the Board of Ethics; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:1132(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1132. Board of Ethics

9 \* \* \*

10 B. Membership; terms; vacancies; qualifications.

11 \* \* \*

12 (2) The governor shall appoint and the House of Representatives and the  
13 Senate shall elect members to the board in accordance with R.S. 42:2.1 as follows:

14 (a)(i) The presidents, or their designees, of ~~Centenary College of Louisiana,~~  
15 ~~Dillard University at New Orleans, Louisiana College, Loyola University at New~~  
16 ~~Orleans, Our Lady of Holy Cross College at New Orleans, Our Lady of the Lake~~  
17 ~~College at Baton Rouge, Xavier University of Louisiana at New Orleans, New~~  
18 ~~Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Saint Joseph Seminary College, and Tulane~~  
19 ~~University~~ the colleges and universities that are member institutions of the Louisiana  
20 Association of Independent Colleges and Universities or its successor shall constitute  
21 the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall, within sixty days of a  
22 vacancy on the board, submit the names of no fewer than five different eligible

1 nominees for each position or vacancy to the governor, Senate, or House of  
2 Representatives, whichever is appropriate. In preparing the list of nominees, the  
3 nominating committee shall give due consideration to the demographics of the  
4 population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race. A  
5 majority vote of the membership of the nominating committee shall be required to  
6 nominate persons to positions on the board.

7 (ii) The governor shall make an appointment and the Senate and the House  
8 of Representatives shall elect members no later than sixty days after the receipt of  
9 the names of the nominees. ~~Should~~ If the governor ~~fail~~ fails to make an appointment  
10 in the sixty-day period, the nominee listed first on the list of nominees shall be  
11 deemed appointed to fill the vacancy. ~~Should~~ If the Senate or House of  
12 Representatives, whichever is ~~appropriate, fail~~ applicable, fails to elect a member  
13 from the list of nominees in the sixty-day period, the nominee listed first on the list  
14 of nominees shall be deemed elected to fill the vacancy.

15 (b) A vacancy on the board for any cause shall be filled in the same manner  
16 as the original appointment and from the same source for the remainder of the  
17 original term. If the nominating committee fails to submit eligible nominees in the  
18 ~~time number, manner, and time~~ required by this Section, the governor, if applicable,  
19 shall make the appointment or the Senate or the House of Representatives, whichever  
20 is applicable, shall elect a person eligible to serve on the board.

21 \* \* \*

\_\_\_\_\_  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_