AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§1132.  Board of Ethics

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B.  Membership; terms; vacancies; qualifications.

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

(a)(i) The presidents, or their designees, of Centenary College of Louisiana; Dillard University at New Orleans, Louisiana College, Loyola University at New Orleans, Our Lady of Holy Cross College at New Orleans, Our Lady of the Lake College at Baton Rouge, Xavier University of Louisiana at New Orleans, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Saint Joseph Seminary College, and Tulane University the colleges and universities that are member institutions of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities or its successor shall constitute the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall, within sixty days of a vacancy on the board, submit the names of no fewer than five different eligible
nominees for each position or vacancy to the governor, Senate, or House of Representatives, whichever is appropriate. In preparing the list of nominees, the nominating committee shall give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race. A majority vote of the membership of the nominating committee shall be required to nominate persons to positions on the board.

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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