
DIGEST

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HB No. 418

Abstract: Provides for the addition of an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Parole.

Present law provides that the parole board shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be the chairman of the board, and all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Present law provides that each member of the parole board shall devote full time to the duties of his office and shall not engage in any other business or profession or hold any other public office.

Proposed law retains present law but allows the ex officio member of the board to engage in any other business or profession and hold any other public office.

Present law provides that each member shall receive an annual salary and shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses actually incurred in the discharge of his duties.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the ex officio member of the board shall not receive an annual salary and shall not be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties as an ex officio member.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the addition of the warden, or in his absence the deputy warden, of the institution in which the inmate is housed as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Board of Parole.

Proposed law further provides that in situations where the offender is housed in a local jail facility and the warden, or deputy warden, of that facility is not able to attend the offender's parole hearing, the warden, or in his absence the deputy warden, of the facility where the offender's parole hearing is held may serve as an ex officio member.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.2(A))