2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 200

## BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

# POLITICAL PARTIES: Provides for membership of the executive committee of a recognized political party in East Baton Rouge Parish

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. $18:444(G)(2)(e)$ , relative to membership of the parish executive committee of
3	a recognized political party in East Baton Rouge Parish; to provide for ex officio
4	members of the committee; to provide for designees; to provide for qualifications;
5	to provide for voting and quorum; to provide for removal; and to provide for related
6	matters.
7	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8	as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9	Louisiana.
10	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
11	Section 1. R.S. $18:444(G)(2)(e)$ is hereby enacted to read as follows:
12	§444. Parish executive committees
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14	G. Composition.
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18	(e)(i) In East Baton Rouge Parish, the parish executive committee of a
19	recognized political party shall be composed as follows:
20	(aa) One member elected from each of the twelve councilmanic districts.

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

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1	(bb) Five members elected at large from the parish.
2	(cc) Each member of the legislative delegation representing East Baton
3	Rouge Parish who is a registered member of the political party, or his designee.
4	(dd) Each statewide elected official, member of the Public Service
5	Commission, and member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
6	Education who is registered to vote in East Baton Rouge Parish and who is a
7	registered member of the political party, or his designee.
8	(ii) Ex officio members, or their designees, shall be voting members and
9	shall be counted for purposes of the number of members necessary to take action or
10	to establish a quorum. Ex officio members, or their designees, shall have the
11	privileges and responsibilities of elected members. Any designee shall meet the
12	qualifications of members as provided in Subsection A of this Section. An ex officio
13	member, or his designee, shall hold his position during his respective term of office
14	and may be removed from office as provided in Subsection H of this Section.
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### DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds ex officio members to the parish executive committees of recognized political parties in East Baton Rouge Parish, including members of the legislative delegation representing East Baton Rouge Parish who are registered members of the political party and statewide elected officials and members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Public Service Commission who are registered to vote in East Baton Rouge Parish and registered members of the political party.

<u>Present law</u> provides that in each parish, the parish executive committee of a recognized political party shall be composed of five members-at-large and as many members as there are members of the parish governing authority. The members-at-large shall be elected from the entire parish, while the additional members shall be elected, one each, from the districts or wards from which the members of the parish governing authority are elected.

<u>Present law</u> provides exceptions for the parish executive committees of recognized political parties in Orleans, Jefferson, and Lafayette parishes and the parish executive committee of the Democratic Party in Caddo Parish.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and provides that in East Baton Rouge Parish, the parish executive committee of a recognized political party shall be composed of the following:

- (1) One member elected from each of the twelve councilmanic districts.
- (2) Five members elected at large from the parish.
- (3) Each member of the legislative delegation representing East Baton Rouge Parish who is a registered member of the political party, or his designee.
- (4) Each statewide elected official, member of the Public Service Commission, and member of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education who is registered to vote in East Baton Rouge Parish and who is a registered member of the political party, or his designee.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the ex officio members shall be voting members and shall be counted for purposes of the number of members necessary to take action or to establish a quorum. Provides that ex officio members, or their designees, shall have the privileges and responsibilities of elected members. Provides that an ex officio member, or his designee, shall hold his position during his respective term of office.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the elected members of a parish executive committee of a recognized political party shall meet the qualifications established by the rules and regulations of the state central committee of that recognized political party.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further requires the same of designees of an ex officio member.

<u>Present law</u> provides that an elected member of the parish executive committee is subject to removal from office when he establishes residence outside of the parish, is convicted of a felony, or changes his official party registration.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further provides that ex officio members and their designees may also be removed on the same grounds.

(Adds R.S. 18:444(G)(2)(e))