

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 228

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS. Provides relative to the Uniform Commercial Code Council. (8/1/25)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.22(A) and (D), to enact R.S. 37:2166 and R.S. 40:1730.22 (G) and (H), and to repeal R.S. 36:409(A)(3), relative to the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council; to provide for the transfer of power and duties of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council; to provide relative to membership of the council; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the council; to provide for powers and duties of the State Licensing Board for Contractors; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2166 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2166. Louisiana Construction Code Council; transfer of duties

A. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council shall be placed within the board and shall exercise and perform their powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities under the management and supervision of the board.

B. The executive director of the board shall serve as executive director of the council and shall not have voting privileges.

1 Section 2. R.S. 40: 1730.22 (A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted
2 and R.S. 40:1730.22 (G) and (H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

3 §1730.22. Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council; membership;
4 function of council; meeting requirements; immunity

5 A.~~(1)~~ The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council, hereinafter
6 in this Part referred to as the "council", is hereby created and shall consist of ~~twenty~~
7 nineteen members, ~~one of whom shall be the state health officer or his designee, and~~
8 ~~one of whom shall be the fire marshal or his designee.~~ consisting of the following:

9 (a) The fire marshal or his designee.

10 (b) The state health officer or his designee.

11 (c) One member who shall have had the greater part of their professional
12 experience as licensed electrician or licensed plumber.

13 (d) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
14 experience as a licensed mechanical engineer.

15 (e) Two members who shall have had the greater part of his professional
16 experience as a licensed architect.

17 (f) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
18 experience as a licensed structural engineer.

19 (g) One member representing the Louisiana Home Builders Association.

20 (h) One member representing the Associated Builders and Contractors.

21 (i) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
22 experience as a licensed residential contractor.

23 (j) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
24 experience as a licensed commercial contractor.

25 (k) One member who shall have had the greater part of his professional
26 experience in the insurance industry.

27 (l) Two members representing the Building Officials Association of
28 Louisiana.

29 (m) Two members representing the Louisiana Building Code Alliance.

- (3) One member who shall have the greater part of his professional experience as a licensed electrician or licensed plumber.
- (4) One licensed mechanical engineer.
- (5) Two licensed architects.
- (6) One licensed structural engineer.
- (7) One member representing the Louisiana Home Builders Association.
- (8) One member representing the Associated Builders and Contractors.
- (9) One licensed residential contractor.
- (10) One licensed commercial contractor.
- (11) One member with professional experience in the insurance industry.
- (12) Two members representing the Building Officials Association of Louisiana.
- (13) Two members representing the State Licensing Board of Contractors.
- (14) Three members at large.

Present law requires the council to elect a chairman and vice chairman and provides for the terms each officer shall serve within the council. Further requires the council to adopt regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act, in order to implement provisions under present law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the council shall be domiciled in East Baton Rouge Parish and clarifies that the council shall meet bi-monthly, in East Baton Rouge, unless ordered to meet more often by the chairman.

Proposed law allows the governor to remove members of the council for cause or at the request of the chairman for failure to attend more than half of regularly scheduled meeting within a 12-month period for cause.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 40:1730.22(A) and (D); adds R.S. 37:2166, R.S. 40:1730.22 (G) and (H); repeals R.S. 36:409(A)(3))