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Abstract: Requires certain qualifications for members appointed to the postsecondary education management boards and the Bd. of Regents.

Present constitution and present law create and provide for the membership of the Bd. of Regents and the postsecondary education management boards (La. State University (LSU), Southern University (SU), University of La. (UL) and Community and Technical Colleges (LCTCS)). Also provides for a student member (two student members for the LCTCS board). Present constitution and present law provide that the Bd. of Regents and the LCTCS board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity, but otherwise present constitution provides no qualifications for the boards. Present law provides certain qualifications for the LCTCS board (see below).

Present law provides that each board shall have 15 members appointed by the governor, two of which from each congressional district and the remaining member(s) from the state at large. Proposed law requires that appointees to the SU board of supervisors be selected from a list of names submitted by the SU Alumni Federation.

Proposed law, relative to the LSU, SU, and UL boards of supervisors and the Bd. of Regents, requires the governor, in making his appointments, to ensure that the board membership includes the following members with the qualifications specified:

- (1) At least one member with at least five years experience as the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or equivalent leadership officer of a large corporation or company within one of the largest manufacturing or business components of the state's economy, such as construction, utilities, chemical manufacturing or processing, oil and gas, other manufacturing, banking, or finance.
- (2) At least one member who holds a Master of Business Administration degree or has had at least 15 years of management experience in private business or industry.
- (3) At least three members who are graduates of an institution within the respective university system.
- (4) At least one member who has five years experience as an executive in the public sector in the field of economic development or workforce development.

- (5) At least one member who has at least five years management experience in the public sector in the field of budget preparation and control or human resources management.

Proposed law, relative to the LSU, SU, and UL boards of supervisors, requires that the governor ensure that at least seven members of the board meet the qualifications required by at least one of the items above and that as a whole the members meet the qualifications for all items.

Proposed law also provides, relative to the LSU and UL boards of supervisors, that the board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity. Retains the same provision in present law relative to the Bd. of Regents.

Present law, relative to the LCTCS board, provides that the governor shall appoint:

- (1) One member from among three persons nominated by the La. AFL-CIO.
- (2) One member from among three persons nominated by the La. Assoc. of Business and Industry (LABI).
- (3) Two members from among six persons nominated by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

Proposed law, relative to the LCTCS board, retains present law appointment from AFL-CIO nominees and removes appointments from BESE nominees and LABI nominees and also requires that the governor appoint:

- (1) At least one member with at least five years experience as the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or equivalent leadership officer of a large corporation or company within one of the largest manufacturing or business components of the state's economy, such as construction, utilities, chemical manufacturing or processing, oil and gas, other manufacturing, banking, or finance.
- (2) One member who has at least two years experience as the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or equivalent leadership officer of a corporation or company engaged in one of Louisiana's three largest emerging industries or business activities as determined by the Dept. of Economic Development.
- (3) One member who holds a Master of Business Administration degree or has had at least fifteen years of management experience in private business or industry.
- (4) One member who has five years experience as an executive in the public sector in the field of economic development or workforce development.
- (5) One member who has at least five years management experience in the public sector in the field of budget preparation and control or human resources management.

Proposed law requires that the governor ensure that at least seven members of the board meet the qualifications required by at least one of the items above and that as a whole the members meet the qualifications for all items.

Proposed law retains present law that requires that at least six members of the LCTCS board have significant experience in vocational education and that the board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity.

Proposed law requires the governor to make appointments to fill each vacancy that occurs on a board by appointing a member whose qualifications meet the qualifications specified in proposed law and continue to fill each vacancy in such manner until the membership of each board is in compliance with the qualifications required in proposed law. Requires the governor to make appointments thereafter to provide for continued compliance with proposed law.

Effective if and when the proposed constitutional amendment contained in House Bill No. 365 of this 2016 R.S. of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 17:1453(A), 1831(B), 1851(B), 1871(A)(1), and 3121(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Delete proposed law requirement that each board have one member appointed from nominees recommended to the governor jointly by the Council for a Better La., the Public Affairs Research Council, and the La. Assoc. of Business and Industry.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add a requirement that the governor select appointees to the SU board of supervisors from a list of names submitted by the SU Alumni Federation.