

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 266

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

LEVEES/BDS & DISTRICTS: Provides for term limits for members of the nominating committee of certain flood protection authorities

DIGEST

Present law establishes a nominating committee for the board of commissioners for the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-East and the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-West Bank.

Proposed law clarifies the procedure to appoint a member of the committee to require the governing body of each entity to appoint a member from their respective entity, as follows:

- (1) A member or designee of the Public Affairs Research Council of LA.
- (2) A member or designee of the Council for A Better LA.
- (3) A member or designee of the LA. Geological Survey at Louisiana State University.
- (4) A member or designee of the Association of State Floodplain Managers.
- (5) A member or designee of the National Society of Black Engineers.
- (6) A faculty member or designee of the College of Engineering at the University of New Orleans.
- (7) A faculty member or designee of the School of Science and Engineering at Tulane University.
- (8) A faculty member or designee of the College of Engineering at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.
- (9) A faculty member or designee of the College of Engineering at Louisiana State University.
- (10) A member or designee of the American Society of Civil Engineers.
- (11) A member or designee of the LA Engineering Society.
- (12) A member or designee of the West Bank Business and Industry Association.
- (13) A faculty member or designee of Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

Proposed law establishes a term of four years for nominating committee members of the Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-East and Southeast La. Flood Protection Authority-West.

Proposed law provides that no nominating committee member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Proposed law also provides that service of two or more years of an unexpired term constitutes a term.

Proposed law further provides that a nominating committee member may be reappointed four years from the completion of his last consecutive term.

Proposed law classifies each nominating committee as a public body for purposes of the Open Meetings Law and the Public Record Law.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(a) and (b); Adds R.S. 38:330.1(C)(2)(d) and (e))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Adds provisions that clarify the procedure by which nominating committee members are appointed from their respective entities, as follows:
 - (1) A member of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana appointed by the board of directors of the council.
 - (2) A member of the Council for A Better Louisiana, appointed by the board of directors of the council.
 - (3) A representative of the Louisiana Geological Survey at Louisiana State University, appointed by the advisory board of the survey.
 - (4) A member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers, appointed by the board of directors of the association.
 - (5) A member of the National Society of Black Engineers, appointed by the national executive board of the society.
 - (6) A faculty member of the College of Engineering at the University of New Orleans, appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
 - (7) A faculty member of the School of Science and Engineering at Tulane University, appointed by the dean of the School of Science and Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
 - (8) A faculty member of the College of Engineering at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
 - (9) A faculty member of the College of Engineering at Louisiana State University, appointed by the dean of the College of Engineering in consultation with the faculty.
 - (10) A member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, appointed by the board of directors of the society.
 - (11) A member of the Louisiana Engineering Society, appointed by the officers of the society.
 - (12) A member of the West Bank Business and Industry Association, appointed by the board of directors of the association.
 - (13) A faculty member of Our Lady of Holy Cross College, appointed by the dean of the College in consultation with the faculty.
3. Adds a provision that specifies that the nominating committee is a public body and as such is subject to open meetings laws and public records laws.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Removes requirement that each entity or school appointing a nominating committee member do so by way of the board of directors or dean of the school.
3. Allows each entity or school appointing a nominating committee member to select either a member or a designee of the entity or school.
4. Adds a provision that establishes the initial process by which nominating committee members are appointed to staggered four-year terms.
5. Allows nominating committee members to be reappointed after serving two consecutive terms upon waiting three years from the completion of his last consecutive term.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the reengrossed bill

1. Removes provisions relative to staggered terms for nominating committee members.
2. Provides a four year term for nominating committee members beginning August 1, 2017. Limits service on nominating committee to two consecutive terms. Provides that service of two years or more of an unexpired term constitutes a term. Allows reappointment of a former nominating committee member four years from completion of his last consecutive term.