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## DIGEST

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Emerson

**Abstract:** Adds two members from the Fire Chief's Assoc. to the Firemen's Supplemental Pay Board (board) and provides for the filling of vacancies on the board.

Present law establishes the board and provides that membership is by gubernatorial appointment, subject to Senate confirmation. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the board consist of five persons: two persons who are members in good standing of the Professional Firefighters Association of La., two persons who are members in good standing of the Louisiana State Fireman's Assoc., and one at-large member who has at least twenty-five years of firefighter experience. Proposed law increases the total membership of the board to seven members by adding two persons who are members in good standing of the Fire Chief's Association.

Present law provides that each member of the board serves a term concurrent with that of the governor appointing him and requires the board to elect a chairman from its membership to serve a two-year term. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that, in case of vacancy or delay in appointment, the appointment shall be a member in good standing of the same fire fights organization as his predecessor, so that the board shall at all time consist of three persons who are members in good standing of the Professional Firefighters Association of La. and two persons who are members in good standing of the La. State Fireman's Assoc.

Proposed law provides that, if more than 30 days have passed since the governor has been notified of a vacancy on the board and no new appointment has been made or if more than 30 days have passed since the governor has taken his oath of office for the term and no initial appointment for that position for that term has been made, then a temporary appointee who is a member in good standing of the same fire fighters or fire chief's organization as the member who created the vacancy shall be appointed by such organization, so that the board shall at all times consist of two persons who are members in good standing of the Professional Firefighters Association of La., two persons who are members in good standing of the Louisiana State Fireman's Assoc., and two persons who are members in good standing of the Fire Chief's Assoc. Further provides that any member serving pursuant to the provisions of proposed law shall serve until the governor makes his appointment for that position pursuant to present law.

Effective at noon on January 8, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 40:1666.5(A) and (D))