

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 101

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

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

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides for membership on the Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1666.5(A) and (D), relative to the Fireman's Supplemental  
3 Pay Board; to provide relative to membership and service on the board; to provide  
4 relative to appointments to the board; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1666.5(A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
8 follows:

9 §1666.5. Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board

10 A. There is hereby created a Fireman's Supplemental Pay Board, hereinafter  
11 referred to as the board, which shall consist of ~~five~~ seven persons appointed by the  
12 governor. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for  
13 confirmation. In making his appointments the governor shall select two persons who  
14 are members in good standing of the Professional Firefighters Association of  
15 Louisiana, two persons who are members in good standing of the Louisiana State  
16 Fireman's Association, two persons who are members in good standing of the  
17 Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association, and one at-large member who has at least twenty-  
18 five years of firefighter experience. The board shall elect a chairman from its  
19 membership to serve a two-year term.

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1           D. If more than thirty days have passed since the governor has been notified  
2           of a vacancy on the board and no new appointment has been made or if more than  
3           thirty days have passed since the governor has taken his oath of office for the term  
4           and no initial appointment for that position for that term has been made, then ~~in case~~  
5           of vacancy or delay in appointment, the appointment shall be a member in good  
6           standing of the same ~~fire fighters~~ firefighter's or fire chief's organization as ~~his~~  
7           predecessor the member who created the vacancy or whose term expired, as  
8           applicable, shall be appointed by such organization; so that the board shall at all  
9           times consist of ~~three~~ two persons who are members in good standing of the  
10          Professional Firefighters Association of Louisiana, ~~and~~ two persons who are  
11          members in good standing of the Louisiana State Fireman's Association, and two  
12          persons who are members in good standing of the Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association.  
13          Any member serving pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall serve until  
14          the governor makes his appointment for such position pursuant to Subsection A of  
15          this Section.

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17          Section 2. This Act shall become effective at noon on January 8, 2024.

DIGEST

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HB 101 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Adds two members from the La. Fire Chiefs 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 consists of five persons: two persons who are members in good standing of the Professional Firefighters Assoc. 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 25 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 La. Fire Chiefs Assoc.

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 firefighter's 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 Assoc. 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 firefighter's 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 Assoc. of La., two persons who are members in good standing of the La. State Fireman's Assoc., and two persons who are members in good standing of the La. Fire Chiefs 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 Jan. 8, 2024.

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

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the name of the new appointing entity from Fire Chief's Assoc. to La. Fire Chiefs Assoc.
2. Make technical changes.