HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 553 2023 Regular Session Glover

ELECTIONS: Provides for the nomination of voters with disabilities for gubernatorial appointment to the State Board of Election Supervisors

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Limits the eligible nominees of a college or university president to those who have either worked as an elections commissioner for the past five years, hold a Certified Election Registration Administrator certification, or are or have been an employee of a registrar of voters or of the elections division of a clerk of court or of the Dept. of State.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

<u>Present law</u> provides for membership of the State Bd. of Election Supervisors to be composed of the following eight members:

- (1) The lieutenant governor.
- (2) The secretary of state.
- (3) The attorney general.
- (4) The commissioner of elections or a designee of the secretary of state.
- (5) One member of the Clerks of Court Assoc.
- (6) One member of the Registrars of Voters Assoc.
- (7) One member appointed by the governor from a list of nominees submitted by the presidents of Centenary College, Dillard University, Louisiana College, Loyola University, Tulane University, and Xavier University.
- (8) One member of the Police Jury Assoc. of La.

For the list of nominees submitted by the presidents of the various colleges and universities, <u>present law</u> allows each president to nominate one person who is not an elected or appointed public official.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further permits the various college and university presidents to include a second nominee who is a disabled voter and is not an elected or appointed official.

<u>Proposed law</u> limits the eligible nominees of a college or university president to those who have either worked as an elections commissioner for the past five years, hold a Certified Election Registration Administrator certification, or are or have been an employee of a registrar of voters or of the elections division of a clerk of court or of the Dept. of State.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the members of the board shall not receive any compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of the work of the board

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(Amends R.S. 18:23(A)(7))