
DIGEST

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HB 588 Engrossed

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Crews

Abstract: Provides relative to the membership of the Workforce Investment Council.

Present law provides that the Workforce Investment Council shall consist of 53 members as follows:

- (1) The governor.
- (2) The secretary of La. Workforce Commission.
- (3) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (4) The secretary of the Dept. of Economic Development.
- (5) The state superintendent of education.
- (6) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.
- (7) The secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.
- (8) One member appointed by the governor who is a chief executive officer of a community-based organization.
- (9) 27 members, appointed by the governor, representing business and industry, including at least one member from a woman-owned business and at least two members from a minority-owned business.

Proposed law removes a member, who is a chief executive officer of a community-based organization, and 27 members representing business and industry.

Proposed law replaces the aforementioned members with the following:

- (1) At least 51% of the members must be from businesses, who meet certain criteria provided in proposed law.
- (2) At least 20% of the members must be from workforce within this state, who meet certain criteria provided in proposed law.

- (3) The balance of the members may also include other representatives and officials the governor may designate.

Present law requires, in appointing the members representing business and industry, the governor to appoint:

- (1) One representative from this state's retail and wholesale sector.
- (2) One representative from this state's energy sector.
- (3) One representative from this state's medical services and biotechnology sector.
- (4) One representative from this state's entertainment and tourism sector.
- (5) One representative from this state's information technology sector.
- (6) One representative from this state's durable goods and manufacturing sector.
- (7) One representative from this state's construction sector.
- (8) One representative from this state's agriculture and forestry sector.
- (9) One representative from this state's financial and insurance sector.
- (10) One representative from this state's logistics and transportation sector.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires 11 members of the council to be representatives from the La. AFL-CIO and four members from organized labor.

Proposed law repeals present law and instead adds at least one member who is a representative of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program under the La. Rehabilitation Services.

Present law provides the term limits for the members of the council.

Proposed law provides the term limits for the members based on a percentage rate. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires, in regards to the appointments, that governor, when practicable, to appoint members in a manner that is representative of the population of the regions of the state and shall consider factors including but not limited to race, color, religion, gender and national origin.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the governor to submit each appointment to the Senate for confirmation.
Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 23:2043(A)(10), (11)(a), and (13), and 2046; Adds R.S. 23:2043(A)(9); Repeals R.S. 23:2043(A)(11)(b) and (14))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill:

1. Add additional members to serve on the Workforce Investment Council (council).
2. Amend certain provisions of proposed law to ensure that the membership of the council is in compliance with federal law.
3. Provide for term limits for certain members who serve on the council.
4. Make technical and title changes.