

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 435

BY SENATOR MCMATH

POLITICAL PARTIES. Provides relative to the composition of the parish executive committee of the Republican Party in St. Tammany Parish. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 18:444(B)(1), (C)(1), and (D) and to enact R.S. 18:444(G)(2)(e),

3 relative to parish executive committees; to provide relative to the parish executive

4 committee of the Republican Party in St. Tammany Parish; to provide relative to

5 membership and appointment on the committee; to provide relative to organization

6 of the committee and election of officers; to provide for terms of office; and to

7 provide for related matters.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 18:444(B)(1),(C)(1), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and

11 R.S. 18:444(G)(2)(e) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §444. Parish executive committees

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14 B. Election, **appointment**, and term. (1)~~(a)~~ **Members Elected members** of

15 a parish executive committee of a recognized political party shall be elected every

16 four years at the same time as the presidential preference primary election. The term

17 of office of the **elected** members shall be until their successors are qualified and

1 elected.

2 **(b) The term of office for appointed members of a parish executive**
3 **committee of a recognized political party shall be concurrent with the term of**
4 **office of the appointing member of the Louisiana Senate or the member of the**
5 **Louisiana House of Representatives.**

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7 C. Meetings. (1) The ~~newly-elected~~ **new** members of the parish executive
8 committee of a recognized political party shall meet at the parish courthouse, shall
9 take office, and organize the committee within forty days after their election **or**
10 **appointment**. A majority of the newly-elected members of the parish executive
11 committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of organizing and filling any
12 vacancies which may exist due to death, ineligibility, or failure to fill a vacancy by
13 election.

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15 D. Officers. At the first meeting of the parish executive committee of a
16 recognized political party, the ~~newly-elected~~ **new** members of the committee shall
17 elect the officers provided for by the rules and regulations of the state central
18 committee of that political party, which shall be uniform for all parish executive
19 committees. The chairman of each parish executive committee shall submit the name
20 of each officer to the secretary of state within five business days of the election of
21 the officers and shall submit any change in the officers to the secretary of state
22 within five business days of the change.

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24 G. Composition. (1) * * *

25 (2)(a) * * *

26 **(e) In St. Tammany Parish, the parish executive committee of the**
27 **Republican Party shall be composed of fourteen members elected from each**
28 **councilmanic district, five members elected at large from the parish, and**
29 **twenty-two members appointed as follows:**

Proposed law retains present law and further provides for newly appointed members of a parish executive committee, if applicable, to participate in the committee organization process in conjunction with newly elected members.

Present law provides that at the first meeting of the parish executive committee of a recognized political party, the newly elected members are required to elect the officers provided for by the rules and regulations of the state central committee of that party.

Proposed law provides all new members, either appointed or elected, are required to elect the officers provided for by the rules and regulations of the state central committee of that party.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 18:444(B)(1),(C)(1), and (D); adds R.S. 18:444(G)(2)(e))