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DIGEST

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Present law provides that in each parish, the parish executive committee of a recognized political party shall be composed of five members-at-large and as many members as there are members of the parish governing authority. The members-at-large shall be elected from the entire parish, while the additional members shall be elected, one each, from the districts or wards from which the members of the parish governing authority are elected.

Present law provides exceptions for the parish executive committees of recognized political parties in Orleans, Jefferson, and Lafayette parishes and the parish executive committee of the Democratic Party in Caddo Parish.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an exception for the parish executive committee of the Republican Party in St. Tammany Parish that requires it to be composed of 14 members elected from each councilmanic district, five members elected at large from the parish, and 22 members appointed by the state senators representing Districts 1, 11, 12, and 37, and the representatives representing Districts 74, 76, 77, 89, 90, and 104, provided the state legislators are registered members of the Republican Party.

Proposed law provides that the senators representing Districts 1 and 11, if registered members of the Republican Party, each appoint three members.

Proposed law provides that the senators representing Districts 12 and 37 and the representatives representing Districts 74, 76, 77, 89, 90, and 104, if they are registered members of the Republican Party, each appoint two members.

Proposed law provides for the term of office for appointed members to be concurrent with the term of office of the appointing state legislator.

Present law provides for newly elected members of the parish executive committee of a recognized political party to take office and organize the committee within 40 days after their election.

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))