

SENATE BILL NO. 257

BY SENATOR FOIL

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3173, relative to interior designers; to provide for board  
3 members; to provide for terms of office of the members of the board; to provide for  
4 board member qualifications; to provide for vacancies on the board; to provide for  
5 terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:3173 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3173. State Board of Examiners of Interior Designers; creation; qualifications;  
9 appointment

10 A.(1) There is hereby created the State Board of Examiners of Interior  
11 Designers within the office of the governor consisting of seven members appointed  
12 by the governor **from a list of names of qualified candidates submitted by the**  
13 **board as follows:**

14 **(a) Six members shall be registered interior designers.**

15 **(b) One member selected from the public at-large.**

16 (2) Each appointment shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. Each  
17 member shall be a registered interior designer and a citizen of Louisiana.

18 ~~(3)(a) Upon expiration of the terms of the members in office on January 1,~~  
19 ~~2000, the terms of members shall be for a period of four years or until the members'~~  
20 ~~successors have been appointed and have taken office.~~

21 ~~(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph, the~~  
22 ~~seven appointed members who are the successors to those members whose terms~~  
23 ~~expired at noon on January 1, 2004, shall serve for the following terms as designated~~  
24 ~~by the governor:~~

25 ~~(i) One member appointed from the list submitted by the American Society~~  
26 ~~of Interior Designers shall serve a two-year term, the other shall serve a three-year~~

1 ~~term, and the other shall serve a four-year term.~~

2 ~~(ii) One member appointed from the list submitted by registered interior~~  
 3 ~~designers whose registrations are in good standing shall serve a two-year term, the~~  
 4 ~~other shall serve a three-year term.~~

5 ~~(iii) One member appointed from a list submitted by the International Interior~~  
 6 ~~Design Association shall serve a three-year term.~~

7 ~~(iv) One member appointed from a list submitted by the Interior Design~~  
 8 ~~Educators Counsel, Inc. shall serve a four-year term.~~

9 ~~(v) Thereafter, all successive appointed members shall serve four-year terms~~  
 10 ~~as provided in Subparagraph (A)(3)(a) of this Section.~~

11 ~~B.(1) Three members of the board shall be selected from a list of nine names~~  
 12 ~~from its membership submitted by the American Society of Interior Designers.~~

13 ~~(2) Two members shall be selected from the list of licensed or registered~~  
 14 ~~interior designers whose licenses are in good standing at the time of the appointment.~~

15 ~~(3) One member shall be selected from a list of three names from its~~  
 16 ~~membership submitted by the International Interior Design Association.~~

17 ~~(4) One member shall be an interior design educator selected from a list of~~  
 18 ~~three names submitted by the Interior Design Educators Counsel, Inc.~~

19 **Each member shall hold the following qualifications:**

20 **(1) Each registered interior designer member shall:**

21 **(a) Be an interior designer registered in the state whose registration is in**  
 22 **good standing.**

23 **(b) Be a resident of the state.**

24 **(c) Possess a National Council for Interior Design Qualification**  
 25 **certificate.**

26 **(d) Have provided interior design services as a registered interior**  
 27 **designer for at least five years prior to appointment to the board.**

28 **(2) The public member shall represent the health, safety, and welfare of**  
 29 **consumers of the state and shall:**

30 **(a) Be a resident of the state.**

1                   **(b) Not be an immediate family member as defined in the Code of**  
2                   **Governmental Ethics, R.S. 42:1101 et seq., of any registered interior designer.**

3                   **C. The term of each member of the board shall be for a period of four**  
4                   **years or until a member's successor has been appointed and taken office.**

5                   **D.** Each vacancy shall be filled in the manner of original appointment ~~except~~  
6                   ~~that a list of names shall be submitted for each vacancy arising under the categories~~  
7                   ~~designated under Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Subsection B of this Section.~~

8                   ~~D.~~ **E.** Prior to entering upon the discharge of his duties, each member of the  
9                   board shall subscribe to and file with the secretary of state the constitutional oath of  
10                  office.

11                  **E.** **F.** The board shall select annually from among its members a chairman  
12                  and such other officers as it deems necessary.

13                  **F.** **G.** Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction  
14                  of business, but no action shall be taken without at least four votes in accord.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_