

SENATE BILL NO. 497

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1132(B)(1), 1133(A), and 1141(A)(3) and to repeal R.S.
3 42:1132(B)(2) and (3)(b), relative to the Board of Ethics; to provide for appointment
4 by the governor and the legislature; to provide for the number of members of the
5 board; to provide relative to the number of members required to conduct business;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 42:1132(B)(1), 1133(A), and 1141(A)(3) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1132. Board of Ethics

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12 B. Membership; terms; vacancies; qualifications. (1) The Board of Ethics
13 shall consist of ~~eleven~~ **fifteen** members to be selected as follows:

14 (a) The governor shall appoint ~~seven~~ **nine** members, who shall be
15 representative of the state's population as near as practicable and who shall be subject
16 to Senate confirmation. At least one member shall be appointed from each
17 congressional district **and the governor shall give due consideration to the**
18 **demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation**
19 **geography, gender, and race**. Of those ~~seven~~ **nine**, the governor shall appoint at
20 least ~~three~~ **five** members, each of whom shall have been licensed to practice law in
21 this state for at least eight years at the time of his appointment.

22 (b) ~~Two~~ **Three** members shall be elected by the House of Representatives,
23 **who shall give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the**
24 **state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race** .

25 (c) ~~Two~~ **Three** members shall be elected by the Senate, **who shall give due**
26 **consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including**
27 **without limitation geography, gender, and race**.

1 (d) A vacancy on the board for any cause shall be filled in the same
2 manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the original term.

3 (e) To the extent practicable, in making appointments pursuant to this
4 Subsection, the governor shall appoint and the House of Representatives and
5 the Senate shall elect members to the board so that the overall makeup of the
6 board consists of at least five retired judges, five other retired elected officials,
7 and five persons who have never served in an elected public office.

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9 §1133. Board of Ethics; quorum, recusal, compensation, officers

10 A. Quorum. ~~Six members~~ A majority of the total membership of the board
11 shall constitute a quorum for transacting the business of the board.

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13 §1141. Complaints and investigations

14 A.

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16 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the presence of ~~nine~~
17 eleven members shall be required to conduct the business of the Board of Ethics
18 sitting en banc.

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20 Section 2. R.S. 42:1132(B)(2) and (3)(b) are hereby repealed.

21 Section 3. The term of office for the four additional members of the Board of Ethics
22 provided for in this Act shall begin on January 1, 2025.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____