

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 491 (SB 462)

2024 Regular Session

Hodges

Existing law (R.S. 42:4) provides that all public officers who are appointed by the governor shall serve at the pleasure of the governor except for public officers appointed upon recommendation or from lists submitted by others where the law requires appointments to be so made, officers whose terms of office are fixed by the constitution, and those officers who are required by the constitution to be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate. New law retains existing law.

New law provides that notwithstanding any provision of existing law to the contrary, the governor may appoint the chairman or presiding member of each board and commission provided that the majority of the membership of the board or commission is gubernatorially appointed and the appointment is not otherwise prohibited by existing constitution. New law requires any appointment of a chairman or presiding officer by the governor pursuant to new law shall be from the membership of the board or commission.

New law provides that any gubernatorial appointment made pursuant to new law and confirmed by the Senate serves at the pleasure of the governor in the position to which appointed. Authorizes a board or commission to select its chairman or presiding member in the manner otherwise provided by law or in its rules, regulations, or bylaws until the governor appoints a chairman.

New law exempts boards and commissions that as of May 1, 2024, are chaired by a statewide elected official from the provisions of new law allowing the governor to appoint the chair or presiding member.

Provides that for terms of office beginning January 8, 2024, any election or appointment made pursuant to new law shall occur not later than August 1, 2024.

Effective June 5, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 42:4)