

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law (R.S. 42:1132) provided that membership on the Bd. of Ethics is composed of 11 members: seven members appointed by the governor; two members elected by the House of Representatives; and two members elected by the Senate.

Proposed law increases the membership of the board from 11 to 15 members and that consideration be given to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race, when making their selection.

Prior law provided the following procedure in which the governor's appointments and the members elected by legislature are to be made.

- (1) A nominating committee composed of presidents of the colleges and universities that are member institutions of the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities, or its successor, submits names of no fewer than five different eligible nominees for each position or vacancy to the governor, Senate, or House of Representatives, whichever is appropriate. Requires that due consideration be given to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race. A majority vote of the membership of the nominating committee is required to nominate persons to a position.
- (2) Requires that the governor's appointments and the election by members of the Senate and House of Reps. occur no later than 60 days after the receipt of the names of the nominees. Provides a procedure if the governor fails to make an appointment or if the Senate or House of Reps. fails to elect a member.

New law removes this nominating procedure for board appointments.

Prior law provided that the governor appoint, from the nominees submitted, 7 members representative of the state's population with one member appointed from each congressional district. Requires that at least three members have been licensed to practice law in the state for at least eight years.

New law increases the governor's appointments to the board from 7 to 9 members with at least five members have been licensed to practice law in the state for at least eight years.

Prior law provided that two members be elected by the House of Reps. New law increases this from two to three members elected by the house.

Prior law provided that two members be elected by the Senate. New law increases this from two to three members elected by the senate.

Prior law required that any vacancy on the board be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the original term. New law retains this requirement.

Prior law (R.S. 42:1133) provided that six member constitutes a quorum of the board. New law provides that a majority of the membership of the board constitutes a quorum.

Prior law (R.S. 42:1141) provided that nine members of the board are required to conduct business. New law provides that eleven members of the board are required to conduct business.

New law provides that the term of office of the addition members shall begin on January 1, 2025.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 42:1132(B)(1), 1133(A), and 1141(A)(3); repeals R.S. 42:1132(B)(2) and (3)(b))