
DIGEST

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SB 175 Reengrossed

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Present law creates the State Plumbing Board (board) and provides for nominations and appointments of members, including one registered mechanical engineer, one plumbing inspector, three master plumbers, three journeymen plumbers, one residential plumber limited, and two members of the public.

Proposed law retains present law in part and provides that the board shall be composed of the following:

- (1) One registered mechanical engineer from a list of three names submitted by La. Dept. of Health.
- (2) One plumbing inspector from a list of three names submitted by La. State Uniform Construction Code Council.
- (3) Five master plumbers:
 - (a) Three active master plumbers from a list of nine names submitted by the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Louisiana (formerly LAPHCC) or its successor.
 - (b) Two master plumbers from a list of six names submitted by the La. Pipe Trades Association or its successor.
 - (c) Any active master plumber appointed shall be listed as the responsible master plumber for their company.
- (4) One journeyman plumber from a list of three names submitted by the La. Pipe Trades Association or its successor.

Present law provides that all members shall be qualified electors of this state and licensed by the board except the first board members who shall be licensed within one year.

Proposed law retains present law in part, except provides that all members, except the public members, shall be licensed by the board. Provides that the public members shall not earn their livelihood in a construction related industry.

Present law provides that board members shall serve for six years, provided that the initial three appointees shall serve for two years, three appointees shall serve for four years, and two appointees shall serve for six years or until their successors are appointed by the governor.

Proposed law retains present law in part, except provides that board members shall serve for six years and shall remain serving after the term expires until their successors are appointed by the governor.

Present law provides that the board shall elect from its members a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary-treasurer for two year terms. Further provides that the election shall be held within 30 days of July first in each odd-numbered year and the chairman shall vote only in case of a tie.

Proposed law retains present law in part, except requires the election to be held within 30 days of August first in each odd-numbered year. Further provides that the chairman and vice chairman shall each be an active master plumber listed as the responsible master plumber for his company.

Present law provides that any person engaged in the repair of existing plumbing in one- and two- family dwellings shall possess a residential plumber limited license.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that any person engaged in the installation, alteration, or maintenance of existing plumbing in one- and two- family dwellings shall possess a residential plumber limited license.

Proposed law changes the name of the La. Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors, Inc. (LAPHCC) to the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors of Louisiana.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:1361(B)(intro para), (B)(3) and (4) and (D), 1362, 1363, 1366(A)(1), and 1379)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Change credential requirement from active master plumber to master plumber on the list of names submitted by the La. Pipe Trade Association.
2. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the reengrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.