DIGEST

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Price HB No. 291

Abstract: Makes changes to the associations who may nominate members to serve on the Dept. of Insurance's Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity.

<u>Present law</u> provides for an Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity within the Dept. of Insurance, to which the governor appoints 22 members. Further provides that the governor's choice of appointees shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the deputy commissioner for minority affairs will serve as chairperson of the committee.

<u>Present law</u> provides a list of groups and associations that will each be responsible for nominating one person to be considered for appointment to the committee.

<u>Proposed law</u> makes changes to the list of associations responsible for nominating persons to the committee.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the Health Insurance Association of America, the National Independent Insurance Agents, and the National Business League from the list and adds the La. Association of Health Plans, the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of La., and the La. Black Chamber of Commerce.

<u>Present law</u> provides that members of the committee shall serve without compensation, except for compensation for mileage and meals incurred in the connection with the attendance of committee meetings or committee business.

<u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that members of the committee shall serve without compensation, except for reasonable reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses incurred in connection with the attendance of committee meetings or committee business.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals provision of <u>present law</u> that requires Senate confirmation of gubernatorial appointments to the committee.

(Amends R.S. 22:32(A)(1)(intro. para.), (i), (l), and (n) and (3); Repeals R.S. 22:32(A)(2))