

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 291 by Representative Price

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changes total number of committee membership from twenty-three to twenty-five by adding the Monroe Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce as organizations who shall submit a list of nominees from which the governor may appoint a member.
2. Clarifies that committee members shall receive reimbursement for necessary lodging expenses incurred in connection with actual attendance of meetings of the committee or while on business of the committee.
3. Clarifies that a simple majority of appointed members, provided there are no fewer than ten members present, shall constitute a quorum.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for an Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity within the Dept. of Insurance, to which the governor appoints 22 members with the deputy commissioner for minority affairs serving as a 23rd member, ex officio. Further provides that the governor's choice of appointees shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

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

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

Proposed law makes changes to the list of associations responsible for nominating persons to the committee.

Proposed law 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., the La. Black Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce.

Present law 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.

Proposed law specifies that members of the committee shall serve without compensation, except for reasonable reimbursement for mileage, meals and necessary lodging expenses incurred in connection with the attendance of committee meetings or committee business.

Proposed law provides that for the purposes of conducting business, a quorum shall mean a simple majority of members appointed with no fewer than ten members present.

(Amends R.S. 22:32(A)(1)(intro. para.), (i), (l), and (n) and (3); Adds R.S. 22:32(A)(1)(r) and (4))

