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## DIGEST

Mills (SB 472)

Present law relative to the members of the Board of Pardons, requires each member, except the ex officio member, to possess not less than five years actual experience in the field of penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine, or a combination thereof.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the requirement of a bachelor's degree and the additional fields of psychology and psychiatry. Proposed law further provides that if a member does not have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, he is required to have no less than seven years experience in penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine, psychology, psychiatry, or a combination thereof.

Present law provides that the ex officio member shall not be a voting member and shall not be counted or permitted to be counted for purposes of the number of members necessary to take board action or the number of members necessary to establish a quorum. In all other respects, the ex officio member shall have all the duties, authority, and requirements of any other board member.

Proposed law removes the provision providing that ex officio member has all the duties, authority, and requirements of any other board member.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.1(A)(1)(c) and (G)(2))