
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the membership of the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay.

Present law (R.S. 24:661) creates the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay as the representative of the Legislature of La. on capital outlay to assist that body in the analysis of the capital outlay needs of the state and its political subdivisions and the preparation and analysis of the capital outlay and omnibus bond bills as presented to the legislature. Requires the committee to provide the legislature with information relative to such responsibilities from a source created by and responsible solely to the members of the legislature. Requires the committee to report from time to time to the legislature its recommendations, thereby providing to the legislature comprehensive budgetary and fiscal information.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the chairmen of the House appropriations and Senate finance committees, the chairman of the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee, the speaker of the House, and the president of the Senate are members of the committee. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law makes changes relative to the membership of the committee as follows:

Present law provides that the members of the House ways and means and the Senate revenue and fiscal affairs committees are members of the committee. Proposed law provides that the chairmen of the House ways and means and the Senate revenue and fiscal affairs committees (instead of the entire membership) are members of the committee.

Present law provides that the speaker and the president each appoint four members to the committee from their respective houses. Proposed law provides that the members appointed by the speaker must come from the House Ways and Means Committee and that the members appointed by the president must come from the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee.

Proposed law additionally provides that two members of the House and two members of the Senate are elected by the respective bodies to serve on the committee from each congressional district. Provides procedures for the election and removal of the members. Provides that no elected member of the committee from the House may serve on the House Ways and Means Committee, and no elected member of the committee from the Senate may serve on the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee.

(Amends R.S. 24:661(A)(3)(a); Adds R.S. 24:661(E))