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Abstract: Requires certain qualifications for members appointed to the postsecondary education management boards and the Bd. of Regents.

Present constitution and present law create and provide for the membership of the Bd. of Regents and the postsecondary education management boards (La. State University (LSU), Southern University (SU), and University of La. (UL) boards of supervisors and the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges (LCTCS board)). Provide that each board has 15 members appointed by the governor. Also provides for a student member (two student members for the LCTCS board). Present constitution and present law provide that the Bd. of Regents and the LCTCS board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity, but otherwise present constitution provides no qualifications for the boards. Present law provides certain qualifications for the LCTCS board (see digest below).

Proposed law, relative to the LSU, SU, and UL boards of supervisors and the Bd. of Regents, requires the governor, in making his appointments, to ensure that the board membership includes the following members with the qualifications specified:

- (1) At least one member with at least five years experience as the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or equivalent leadership officer of a large corporation or company within one of the largest manufacturing or business components of the state's economy, such as construction, utilities, chemical manufacturing or processing, oil and gas, other manufacturing, banking, or finance.
- (2) At least one member who holds a Master of Business Administration degree or has had at least fifteen years of management experience in private business or industry.
- (3) At least three members who are graduates of an institution within the respective university system.
- (4) One member who is appointed from a total of five nominees recommended to the governor jointly by the Council for a Better La., the Public Affairs Research Council, and the La. Association of Business and Industry.
- (5) At least one member who has five years experience as an executive in the public sector in the field of economic development or workforce development.

- (6) At least one member who has at least five years management experience in the public sector in the field of budget preparation and control or human resources management.

Proposed law, relative to the LSU, SU, and UL boards of supervisors, requires that the governor ensure that at least seven members of the board meet the qualifications required by at least one of the items above and that as a whole the members meet the qualifications for all items.

Proposed law also provides, relative to the LSU and UL boards of supervisors, that the board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity. Retains the same provision in present law relative to the Bd. of Regents.

Present law, relative to the LCTCS board, provides that the governor shall appoint:

- (1) One member from among three persons nominated by the La. AFL-CIO.
- (2) One member from among three persons nominated by the La. Assoc. of Business and Industry (LABI).
- (3) Two members from among six persons nominated by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE).

Proposed law, relative to the LCTCS board, retains present law appointment from AFL-CIO nominees and removes appointments from BESE nominees and LABI nominees (but see (4) below) and also requires that the governor appoint:

- (1) At least one member with at least five years experience as the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or equivalent leadership officer of a large corporation or company within one of the largest manufacturing or business components of the state's economy, such as construction, utilities, chemical manufacturing or processing, oil and gas, other manufacturing, banking, or finance.
- (2) One member who has at least two years experience as the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or equivalent leadership officer of a corporation or company engaged in one of Louisiana's three largest emerging industries or business activities as determined by the Dept. of Economic Development.
- (3) One member who holds a Master of Business Administration degree or has had at least fifteen years of management experience in private business or industry.
- (4) One member who is appointed from a total of five nominees recommended to the governor jointly by the Council for a Better Louisiana, the Public Affairs Research Council, and LABI.
- (5) One member who has five years experience as an executive in the public sector in the field of economic development or workforce development.

- (6) One member who has at least five years management experience in the public sector in the field of budget preparation and control or human resources management.

Proposed law requires that the governor ensure that at least seven members of the board meet the qualifications required by at least one of the items above and that as a whole the members meet the qualifications for all items.

Proposed law retains present law that requires that at least six members of the LCTCS board have significant experience in vocational education and that the board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity.

Proposed law, relative to implementation of the Act, requires the governor to make appointments to fill each vacancy that occurs on a board by appointing a member whose qualifications meet the qualifications specified in this Act and continue to fill each vacancy in such manner until the membership of each board is in compliance with the qualifications required by the Act. Requires the governor to make appointments thereafter so as to provide for continued compliance with the Act.

Effective if and when the proposed amendment of Article VIII of the Constitution of La. contained in the Act which originated as House Bill No. ___ of this 2016 R.S. of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 17:1453(A), 1831(B), 1851(B), 1871(A)(1), and 3121(B))