

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law (R.S. 15:146) provides for the Louisiana Public Defender Board (LPDB).

Prior law provided that the board shall consist of fifteen members.

New law reduces the number of board members from 15 to 11 and provides relative to the terms and appointment of these members.

Existing law (R.S. 15:147) provides that except for the inherent regulatory authority of the Louisiana Supreme Court provided for in La. Const. Art. V, §5 regarding the regulation of the practice of law, the LPDB shall have all regulatory authority, control, supervision, and jurisdiction, including auditing and enforcement, and all power incidental or necessary to such regulatory authority, control, supervision, and jurisdiction over all aspects of the delivery of public defender services throughout the courts of the state of Louisiana.

Existing law (R.S. 15:167) provides for the creation of the Louisiana Public Defender Fund and the composition of the fund, administration of the fund, and use of monies from the fund.

Existing law (R.S. 15:168) further provides for an indigent defender fund within each judicial district to be administered by the district public defender.

New law retains these provisions of existing law and further provides that the board shall dedicate and disburse at least 65% of the entirety of its annual budget and its funds in the Louisiana Public Defender Fund each fiscal year to the district defender offices and their indigent defender funds in the various judicial districts throughout the state.

New law provides that any funds disbursed to any district defender shall be paid in addition to the minimum mandatory 65% of dedicated and disbursed funds required by new law.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 15:146; Adds R.S. 15:162(I), 166, and 167(E))