
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for appointment, terms, and requirements of members of the governing board of the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging and specifies that certain laws relating to public bodies are applicable to the council.

Proposed law provides that the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging hereafter, "the council" shall be governed by a board of directors hereafter, "the board" composed of seven members appointed as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the mayor-president of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge.
- (2) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of Zachary.
- (3) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of Baker.
- (4) One member appointed by the mayor of the city of Central.
- (5) One member appointed by the Metropolitan Council of the city of Baton Rouge and the parish of East Baton Rouge.
- (6) One member appointed by the governing authority of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation.
- (7) One member appointed by the governing authority of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber.

Proposed law provides that each member appointed by a mayor shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing mayor; and that each member appointed by the Metropolitan Council of the city of Baton Rouge and the parish of East Baton Rouge, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, or the Baton Rouge Area Chamber shall serve a term of three years.

Proposed law stipulates that any vacancy occurring on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, and that a member appointed to fill a vacancy with a defined three-year term shall serve only for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Proposed law requires that each board member be a citizen of the United States and a domiciliary of and a qualified voter in the parish of East Baton Rouge for at least one year preceding the date of appointment. Requires further that each member remain a domiciliary of and a qualified voter in the

parish for the entirety of his term of office.

Proposed law requires that each board member be of good character and possess some skill, knowledge, or experience that will be useful in accomplishing the goals of the council.

Proposed law requires each board member to complete all of the following annually:

- (1) A course of ethics education and training which meets standards provided in present law (R.S. 42:1170).
- (2) A conflict of interest disclosure statement.

Proposed law provides that the board shall be subject to the requirements of present law relative to public records (R.S. 44:1 et seq.), open meetings (R.S. 42:11 et seq.), and governmental ethics (R.S. 42:1101 et seq.).

Proposed law requires the board to have the financial records of the council audited annually. Provides further that such records shall be subject to inspection and audit by the legislative auditor.

Proposed law requires the board to adopt any bylaws and institute any policies as may be necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Provisions of proposed law relative to composition, appointment, and duties of the board become enforceable 30 days after the effective date of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 46:1609)