

**ACT No. 303**

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 401

BY REPRESENTATIVE GISCLAIR

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:253(A)(1)(b), (2)(a), and (3), relative to the Veterans' Affairs  
3 Commission; to provide for the appointment and removal of commission members;  
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 29:253(A)(1)(b), (2)(a), and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted  
7 to read as follows:

8 §253. Veterans' Affairs Commission

9 A. The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall be composed of nine members  
10 who are honorably discharged veterans, citizens of the United States of America and  
11 of this state, and qualified voters.

12 (1) The membership of the commission shall be determined as follows:

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14 (b) The governor shall, from such nominees, and pursuant to R.S. 42:2.1,  
15 ~~make the necessary six~~ appointments. However, the governor shall not appoint more  
16 than two members to serve on the commission from one eligible veterans  
17 organization, ~~and one member appointed by the~~ The governor shall appoint three  
18 additional members who need not be from any eligible veterans organization, ~~but~~  
19 such ~~member~~ members shall have the qualifications provided in the introductory  
20 paragraph of this Subsection ~~A of this Section.~~

21 (2)(a) Each member shall serve a six-year term, ~~except the members initially~~  
22 ~~appointed as provided in Section 2 of Act 285 of the 2003 Regular Session shall be~~

1           ~~appointed for terms as provided in that Act.~~ Each member shall serve at the pleasure  
2           of the governor and may be removed without cause prior to the expiration of his term  
3           upon written request by the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans  
4           Affairs.

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6           (3) If required, nominations for appointment to fill vacancies occurring  
7           because of the death, resignation, removal, or incapacity of a member shall be made  
8           within thirty days of the date of vacancy, and the governor shall make the  
9           appointment within thirty days after receiving the nominations. If nominations are  
10          not required, the governor shall make the appointment within thirty days after  
11          receiving notice of the vacancy. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made for the  
12          remainder of the unexpired term.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_