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## DIGEST

SB 317 Original

2018 Regular Session

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Present law The board shall consist of 11 members.

Proposed law changes the board membership from 11 to 13 members.

Present law provides that the board will be composed of the following members:

- (1) The governor shall appoint five members, one from each appellate court district, and shall designate the chairman.
- (2) The chief justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana shall appoint four members, one member shall be a juvenile justice advocate; one member shall be a retired judge with criminal law experience; and two members shall be at large.
- (3) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member.

Proposed law retains present law but adds the following members:

- (1) The chairman of the Judiciary C Committee of the Louisiana Senate.
- (2) The chairman of the Administration of Criminal Justice Committee of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a member may be removed for excessive absences from meetings. For the purposes of <u>present law</u>, "excessive absences" means missing four duly noticed meetings within a period of 18 months or three duly noticed meetings within a period of 10 months.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> to provide that the board, by a vote of 2/3 of the members, may expel a member who has accumulated three unexcused absences from board meetings during a 12 month period.

<u>Present law</u> provides that upon review of board member attendance, if a board member has been excessively absent from board meetings, the chairman shall inform the board of the absences and will send written notice on behalf of the board to the member requesting that the member resign his position on the board. If the member refuses to resign, the board will remove the member for excessive absences in accordance with the provisions of <u>present law</u>.

Proposed law deletes this provision in present law.

<u>Present law</u> provides that if a member is removed as provided by <u>present law</u>, the board will send written notice to the member informing him of his removal and notify the appropriate appointing authority of the vacancy on the board.

Proposed law deletes this provision in present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 15:146(B)(1), (B)(3)(e) and (C); adds R.S. 15:146(B)(3)(f) and (g))