
 DIGEST

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SB 89 Reengrossed

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Charter school boards in parishes in a certain population category

Proposed law provides that beginning Oct. 1, 2018, each charter school governing or management board located in a parish with a population between 325,000 and 375,000 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census shall include at least one member who is a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent of a student enrolled in the school or an alumnus, who may be elected or appointed. Requires each board to adopt a policy relative to appointing or electing the parent, legal guardian, grandparent, or alumnus and that the policy be provided to the parents of each student and published on the school's website.

Proposed law requires, beginning with the 2019-20 school year, that the governing or management board of each charter school (other than a Type 2 charter school) that is located in a parish with such a population be representative of the community by race and gender to ensure diversity and that no fewer than 60% of its members reside in the parish in which the school is located.

Charter school boards statewide

Proposed law adds that notwithstanding present law (the Code of Governmental Ethics) or any other present law to the contrary, a member of a charter school governing or management board may serve as an officer, director, or employee, whether compensated or not, of any national or state bank; however, requires him to recuse himself from voting in favor of any such bank and to disclose the reason for such recusal by filing a statement of the reason into the minutes or record of the charter school board and by forwarding a disclosure form to the Bd. of Ethics.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(A)(1)(b) and (c)(iii); Adds R.S. 17:3991(A)(1)(c)(iv))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Limits effectiveness of the bill to certain parishes.
2. Provides that a grandparent or school alumni is eligible to serve on the board.
3. Requires board to adopt selection policies and provide policies to school parents and post on the school's website.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Exempts "Type 2 charter school" from the provision of proposed law beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill:

1. Specify that the requirement that a charter school board be "representative" of its community pertains to being representative by race and gender in order to ensure diversity; applicable only in a parish meeting proposed law population category.
2. Add a provision allowing, notwithstanding the Ethics Code or any other present law, a charter school board member to serve as an officer, director, or employee of a bank; applicable statewide.