

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 211

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKNIGHT

SCHOOLS: Provides relative to the membership of the board of directors of the Special School District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1945.1(A)(8)(c) and (C), relative to the board of directors of
3 the Special School District; to revise the entities submitting nominees for
4 appointment to the board; to provide relative to the terms of service of board
5 members; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:1945.1(A)(8)(c) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §1945.1. Board of directors of the Special School District; creation; membership;
10 terms; powers, duties, and functions

11 A. The board of directors of the Special School District is hereby created.

12 The board shall be composed of twelve members who shall be subject to
13 confirmation by the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the State Board of
14 Elementary and Secondary Education appointed by the president of the state board
15 and the remainder of whom shall be appointed by the governor, as follows:

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17 (8) One member representing persons who are deaf or hard of hearing,
18 selected from a list of six persons, two of whom shall be nominated by each of the
19 following:

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1 (c) ~~Deaf Focus~~: Betty and Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center.

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3 C. The terms of the members of the board shall be concurrent with the term
4 of the ~~person making the appointment~~, appointing authority, and they shall serve at
5 the pleasure of the appointing authority. Members shall serve until their successors
6 have been appointed and qualified unless removed by the appointing authority. A
7 vacancy on the board shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment. No
8 member of the board shall be an employee of the Special School District.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Relative to the board of directors of the Special School District, revises entities nominating members for appointment by the governor and provides relative to terms of service.

Present law provides for governance of the Special School District by a board of directors with 12 members subject to Senate confirmation (one member of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education appointed by the state board president and 11 members appointed by the governor).

Present law provides for one member representing persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, selected from a list of six persons, two of whom shall be nominated by each of the following:

- (a) The La. Commission for the Deaf.
- (b) The La. Assoc. of the Deaf.
- (c) Deaf Focus.

Proposed law replaces Deaf Focus with the Betty and Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center.

Present law provides that board member terms are concurrent with the term of the person making the appointment, that they shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, and shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified. Provides that a vacancy on the board shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment. Proposed law provides that members shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified unless removed by the appointing authority and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:1945.1(A)(8)(c) and (C))