
DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the listing of the specific independent colleges and universities that comprise the nominating committee for the Bd. of Ethics and makes general reference to the member institutions of the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities and specifically requires the committee to submit eligible nominees in the number, manner, and time required.

Present law (R.S. 42:1132) provides procedures for selecting the 11 members of the Bd. of Ethics. Provides that the governor appoints seven members subject to Senate confirmation. Provides that at least one such member be appointed from each congressional district. Provides further that the House of Representatives and Senate each elect two members to the board. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires the governor, House of Representatives, and Senate to select members in accordance with present law (R.S. 42:2.1), which requires an appointing authority to give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race, in making appointments to any board, commission, council, authority, or other similar entity that has statewide jurisdiction. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that members of the Bd. of Ethics are selected from nominations made by a nominating committee consisting of the presidents or their designees of Centenary College of La., Dillard University at New Orleans, La. College, Loyola University at New Orleans, Our Lady of Holy Cross College at New Orleans, Our Lady of the Lake College at Baton Rouge, Xavier University of La. at New Orleans, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Saint Joseph Seminary College, and Tulane University. Provides time limits for the submission of the names of nominees to the appropriate appointing authority. Requires the nominating committee to provide no fewer than five eligible nominees for each vacancy and to give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race in preparing the list of nominees. Provides that if the nominating committee fails to submit nominees in the time required, the appointing authority shall select a person to the board.

Proposed law provides instead that the nominating committee consists of presidents or their designees of the colleges and universities that are member institutions of the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities or its successor association. Further provides that if the nominating committee fails to submit eligible nominees in the number and within the time period required, then the appointing authority shall select a person eligible to serve on the board. Proposed law makes other technical changes.

(Amends R.S. 42:1132(B)(2))