

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 658****2022 Regular Session****Stagni**

MOTOR VEHICLES: Modifies the membership of the Louisiana Advisory Council on Driver Education

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Changes the council voting members from 13 to seven and adds five non-voting members.
2. Removes a provision in proposed law that added two members of the office of motor vehicles appointed by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles to the Louisiana Advisory Council on Driver Education.
3. Restores, in part, a provision in present law that specified the membership consist of one representative of the office of motor vehicles, licensing and certification division, appointed by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles. However, removes the requirement that this appointment be made from a list of three persons nominated.
4. Modifies a provision in present law that requires one representative of the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission be appointed from a list of three persons nominated by removing the three-person nominee list.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law creates the La. Advisory Council on Driver Education and provide rules, regulations, and standards for licensure of defensive driving courses as provided in present law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the rules, regulations, and standards applicable for driver education providers.

Present law specifies that the La. Advisory Council on Driver Education consists of five voting members and two nonvoting ex-officio members appointed by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the ex-officio members and increasing the voting members from five to 7 and adds five non-voting members as follows:

- (1) Three members of the Driving School Association of La. appointed by the president of the Driving School Association of La.
- (2) Two members of the Driving School Association of the Americas appointed by the president of the Driving School Association of the Americas.
- (3) Two secondary education professionals from the Dept. of Education appointed by the superintendent of the Dept. of Education.
- (4) One representative of the office of motor vehicles appointed by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.
- (5) One representative of the La. Highway Safety Commission appointed by the executive director of the La. Highway Safety Commission.

- (6) One member of the La. State Police appointed by the superintendent of the La. State Police.
- (7) One member of the La. House of Representatives appointed by the chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.
- (8) One member of the Senate appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

Proposed law specifies the following members be voting members:

- (1) Three members of the Driving School Association of La. appointed by the president of the Driving School Association of La.
- (2) Two members of the Driving School Association of the Americas appointed by the president of the Driving School Association of the Americas.
- (3) Two secondary education professionals from the Dept. of Education appointed by the superintendent of the Dept. of Education.

Present law specifies that members are appointed to serve an initial two-year term on the council and may be eligible to be reappointed to serve an additional two-year term.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the two-year reappointment term for members.

Present law requires the automatic removal of a member from the advisory council if he has more than one unexcused absence during any 12-month period.

Proposed law retains present law and increases the unexcused absence to two during any 12-month period.

Present law specifies a quorum consists of a simple majority of the active voting members or their proxies, if the bylaws provide.

Proposed law retains present law and removes the quorum requirement conditioned on the bylaws.

Present law specifies whenever a vacancy occurs in a council seat, whether by death, resignation, or automatic removal, such vacant seat will no longer be counted as an active voting member in determining a quorum until a successor has been appointed by the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles in the same manner as the original appointment to fill the unexpired term.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that the appointment of a vacant seat to be appointed by the appropriate official as provided in present law and proposed law.

Present law requires officers of the council to include a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring the council be appointed at the beginning of each new term and adds two at-large board members.

Present law specifies the duration and location for all meetings.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the following venues:

- (1) A legislative committee room located in the La. state capitol.

(2) Any electronic venue agreed upon by the council officers.

(Amends R.S. 32:422.2)