

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 43 (HB 296)

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Existing law (R.S. 42:1132) provides procedures for selecting the 11 members of the Bd. of Ethics (board). Provides that the governor appoints seven members subject to Senate confirmation. Requires 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.

Existing law requires the governor, House of Representatives, and Senate to select members in accordance with existing 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.

Existing law provides that members of the board are selected from nominations made by a nominating committee.

Prior law specifically provided that the nominating committee consisted 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.

New law provides instead that the nominating committee consists of presidents or their designees of the colleges and universities that are members of the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities or its successor association.

Existing law 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.

New law further provides that if the nominating committee fails to submit the required number of nominees, the appointing authority shall select a person eligible to serve on the board.

Effective August 1, 2022.

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