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## DIGEST

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HB 506 Engrossed

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Adams

**Abstract:** Creates the La. Interagency Council on Homelessness within the office of the governor.

Proposed law creates the La. Interagency Council on Homelessness within the office of the governor for the purpose of developing a statewide plan to end homelessness in La.

Proposed law provides that the duties and responsibilities of the council include:

- (1) To develop a statewide plan to end homelessness.
- (2) To advise the governor, legislature, and local governments as appropriate on the causes of homelessness in La.
- (3) To submit to the governor and the legislature a report regarding the statewide plan to end homelessness.

Proposed law provides that the membership of the council be reflective of all geographic regions of the state. Provides the council shall be comprised as follows:

- (1) The commissioner of administration or his designee.
- (2) The executive director of the La. Housing Corp. or his designee.
- (3) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of the Dept. of Education or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee.
- (6) The secretary of the Dept. of Health or his designee.
- (7) The secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs or his designee.
- (8) One representative from each of the continuums of care located in La. appointed by the governing boards of the continuums of care.
- (9) The executive director of the La. Services Network Data Consortium or his designee.

- (10) The executive director of the La. Coalition Against Domestic Violence or his designee.
- (11) Six members appointed by the chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare from a list of nominations submitted jointly by the governing boards of the continuums of care. Each chairman shall appoint three members. Requires members to have five years experience in housing or services for homeless persons.
- (12) At least two members appointed by the executive director of the La. Housing Corp. who have lived with experience of homelessness. Members shall be appointed from a list of nominations submitted jointly by the governing boards of the continuums of care. Provides further with respect to qualifications of members.

Proposed law provides that appointed members serve two-year terms and designees serve at the pleasure of the designating authority. Provides that members are eligible for reappointment. Additionally provides that members appointed pursuant to (11) and (12) above shall receive a per diem for attendance at council meetings to be paid by the La. Housing Corp. Provides that the La. Housing Corp. shall provide support for the council, including staff, facilities, and resources to facilitate remote participation in meetings to the extent authorized by law.

(Adds R.S. 36:4(B)(37) and R.S. 40:600.151)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Specify that the duties of the council include the development of a statewide plan to end homelessness.
2. Add the secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs or his designee to the council.
3. Specify that the La. Housing Corp. shall provide the council with resources to facilitate remote participation in meetings to the extent authorized by law.
4. Make technical changes.