SENATE BILL NO. 497

## BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 42:1132(B)(1), 1133(A), and 1141(A)(3) and to repeal R.S.
3	42:1132(B)(2) and (3)(b), relative to the Board of Ethics; to provide for appointment
4	by the governor and the legislature; to provide for the number of members of the
5	board; to provide relative to the number of members required to conduct business;
6	and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 42:1132(B)(1), 1133(A), and 1141(A)(3) are hereby amended and
9	reenacted to read as follows:
10	§1132. Board of Ethics
11	* * *
12	B. Membership; terms; vacancies; qualifications. (1) The Board of Ethics
13	shall consist of eleven fifteen members to be selected as follows:
14	(a) The governor shall appoint seven <u>nine</u> members, who shall be
15	representative of the state's population as near as practicable and who shall be subject
16	to Senate confirmation. At least one member shall be appointed from each
17	congressional district and the governor shall give due consideration to the
18	demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation
19	geography, gender, and race. Of those seven nine, the governor shall appoint at
20	least three five members, each of whom shall have been licensed to practice law in
21	this state for at least eight years at the time of his appointment.
22	(b) Two Three members shall be elected by the House of Representatives,
23	who shall give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the
24	state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race.
25	(c) Two Three members shall be elected by the Senate, who shall give due
26	consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including
27	without limitation geography, gender, and race.

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1	(d) A vacancy on the board for any cause shall be filled in the same
2	manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the original term.
3	(e) To the extent practicable, in making appointments pursuant to this
4	Subsection, the governor shall appoint and the House of Representatives and
5	the Senate shall elect members to the board so that the overall makeup of the
6	board consists of at least five retired judges, five other retired elected officials,
7	and five persons who have never served in an elected public office.
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9	§1133. Board of Ethics; quorum, recusal, compensation, officers
10	A. Quorum. Six members A majority of the total membership of the board
11	shall constitute a quorum for transacting the business of the board.
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13	§1141. Complaints and investigations
14	A.
15	* * *
16	(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the presence of nine
17	<u>eleven</u> members shall be required to conduct the business of the Board of Ethics
18	sitting en banc.
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20	Section 2. R.S. 42:1132(B)(2) and (3)(b) are hereby repealed.
21	Section 3. The term of office for the four additional members of the Board of Ethics
22	provided for in this Act shall begin on January 1, 2025.
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