
DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the membership of the Public Service Commission from five to seven.

Present law provides that there are five members of the Public Service Commission (commission) that shall be elected from single-member districts, established in present law.

Proposed law changes present law by adding two members to the commission that shall be appointed by the governor and shall represent the state-at-large.

Present law provides for the qualifications for elected members of the commission.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for the qualifications of the appointed members of the commission.

Present law provides that members shall be elected at the congressional elections for overlapping terms of six years and shall take office and begin their terms on the first day of Jan. following election.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the two appointed members shall be appointed by the governor, approved by the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, not to exceed two consecutive four-year terms.

Present law provides that three commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed law amends present law to increase the quorum from three to four commissioners.

Present law provides that there shall be 37 full-time employee positions available for district staffing, the allocation of which per district shall be as determined by the commission.

Proposed law changes present law and states that there shall be sufficient staff for the appointed commissioners to serve the state-at-large.

Present law provides that each commissioner in office on Jan. 1, 2023, shall be the commissioner for the district as composed in this present law having the same designation as the district from which the commissioner was elected and may complete the term for which he was elected.

Proposed law clarifies present law so that it applies to elected commissioners.

(Amends R.S. 45:1161.1, 1161.2(B), 1161.3, and 1161.4(B))