

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2525(D)(introductory paragraph) and (12) and to enact R.S.
3 46:2525(D)(13), relative to the membership of the Louisiana Women's Policy and
4 Research Commission; to provide for an additional member of the commission; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 46:2525(D)(introductory paragraph) and (12) are hereby amended
8 and reenacted and R.S. 46:2525(D)(13) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2525. Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission

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11 D. The commission shall consist of a maximum of ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-six
12 members. The thirteen members serving pursuant to Paragraph ~~(12)~~ (13) of this
13 Subsection shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and
14 serve terms concurrent with the appointing governor. The commission shall be
15 reflective of all geographic regions of the state and, as much as possible, shall consist
16 of the following members:

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18 (11) The secretary of the Louisiana ~~of~~ Economic Development or the
19 secretary's designee.

1 (12) The secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the secretary's
2 designee.

(12) (13) Thirteen Louisiana women who have significant academic or professional expertise in one or more of the following areas:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the membership of the La. Women's Policy and Research Commission.

Present law creates the La. Women's Policy and Research Commission made up of various members who advise the governor on the particular hardships, concerns, and needs that challenge women in this state while offering solutions.

Present law provides that the commission be made up of the following 25 members:

- (1) The commissioner of administration.
- (2) The secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (3) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Health.
- (4) The superintendent of the Dept. of Education.
- (5) The secretary of La. Works.
- (6) The executive director of the Office on Women's Policy.
- (7) The executive director of the Children's Cabinet.
- (8) Two members of the Women's Legislative Caucus.
- (9) The commissioner of higher education.
- (10) The chairperson of the Women's Legislative Caucus.
- (11) The secretary of La. Economic Development.
- (12) 13 La. women who have significant academic or professional expertise in various areas of the law and society.

Proposed law would increase the membership to 26 members to include the secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

(Amends R.S. 46:2525(D)(intro. para.) and (12); Adds R.S. 46:2525(D)(13))