

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRICE AND BURRELL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT: Changes composition and requirements relative to
Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 22:32(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (i), (l), and (n) and (3) and
3 to repeal R.S. 22:32(A)(2), relative to the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity
4 within the Department of Insurance; to require the deputy commissioner of the
5 division of minority affairs to serve as the committee chairperson; to make changes
6 to the list of associations that may submit nominees to be considered for appointment
7 to the committee; to remove the requirement that the Senate approve gubernatorial
8 appointments to the committee; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 22:32(A)(1)(introductory paragraph), (i), (l), and (n) and (3) are
11 hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §32. Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity

13 A.(1) There is hereby created within the Department of Insurance, in the
14 division of minority affairs, the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity. The
15 committee shall be composed of twenty-three members. Twenty-two members shall
16 be appointed by the governor and shall serve at his pleasure. The deputy
17 commissioner for minority affairs shall serve ex officio as the twenty-third member.
18 The deputy commissioner shall serve as chairperson of the committee. Four
19 members shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the Louisiana
20 chapter of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the

1 Urban League of Greater New Orleans, Inc., the Baton Rouge chapter of the National
2 Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Shreveport chapter of
3 the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Two members
4 shall be appointed from a list of nominees submitted by the deans of the business
5 schools of Dillard University, Xavier University, Southern University, and
6 Grambling University. Sixteen members shall be appointed from a list of nominees,
7 one nominee to be submitted by each of the following associations or groups:

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9 (i) ~~Health Insurance Association of America.~~ Louisiana Association of
10 Health Plans.

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12 (l) ~~National Independent Insurance Agents.~~ Independent Insurance Agents
13 and Brokers of Louisiana.

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15 (n) ~~National Business League, Louisiana chapter.~~ Louisiana Black Chamber
16 of Commerce.

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18 (3) The committee shall serve without compensation, except ~~for~~
19 ~~compensation for mileage and meals expenses~~ the members of the committee may
20 receive reasonable reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses incurred in
21 connection with actual attendance at meetings of the committee or while on business
22 of the committee assigned by the committee, but only when properly vouchered.

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24 Section 2. R.S. 22:32(A)(2) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes changes to the associations who may nominate members to serve on the Dept. of Insurance's Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity.

Present law provides for an Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity within the Dept. of Insurance, to which the governor appoints 22 members. Further provides that the governor's choice of appointees shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

Proposed law provides that the deputy commissioner for minority affairs will serve as chairperson of the committee.

Present law provides a list of groups and associations that will each be responsible for nominating one person to be considered for appointment to the committee.

Proposed law makes changes to the list of associations responsible for nominating persons to the committee.

Proposed law removes the Health Insurance Association of America, the National Independent Insurance Agents, and the National Business League from the list and adds the La. Association of Health Plans, the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of La., and the La. Black Chamber of Commerce.

Present law provides that members of the committee shall serve without compensation, except for compensation for mileage and meals incurred in the connection with the attendance of committee meetings or committee business.

Proposed law clarifies that members of the committee shall serve without compensation, except for reasonable reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses incurred in connection with the attendance of committee meetings or committee business.

Proposed law repeals provision of present law that requires Senate confirmation of gubernatorial appointments to the committee.

(Amends R.S. 22:32(A)(1)(intro. para.), (i), (l), and (n) and (3); Repeals R.S. 22:32(A)(2))