

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

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

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DIGEST

Present law provides for an Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity within the Dept. of Insurance, to which the governor appoints 22 members with the deputy commissioner for minority affairs serving as a 23<sup>rd</sup> member, ex officio. 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., the La. Black Chamber of Commerce, the Monroe chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Greater Southwest Louisiana 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 specifies that members of the committee shall serve without compensation, except for reasonable reimbursement for mileage, meals and necessary lodging expenses incurred in connection with the attendance of committee meetings or committee business.

Proposed law provides that for conducting business, a quorum shall mean a simple majority of members appointed with no fewer than ten members present.

(Amends R.S. 22:32(A)(1)(intro. para.), (i), (l), and (n) and (3); adds R.S. 22:32(A)(1)(r) and (4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Insurance to the original bill.

- 1. Restored the requirement for Senate confirmation of gubernatorial appointees.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Insurance to the engrossed bill

- 1. Changes the number of committee members from 23 members to 25 members.

2. Adds the Monroe chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Greater Southwest Louisiana Black Chamber of Commerce to the list of associations responsible for nominating persons to the committee.
3. Provides for compensation for mileage, meals, and necessary lodging expenses incurred in connection with meeting attendance.
4. Defines a quorum as a simple majority of members appointed with no fewer than ten members present.