## SENATE BILL NO. 43

## BY SENATOR BROOME AND REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1) and (F)(6), relative to the Legislative Youth
3	Advisory Council; to provide for membership and staffing of the council; and to
4	provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. $24:973.1(B)(1)$ and $(F)(6)$ are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7	as follows:
8	§973.1. Legislative Youth Advisory Council; purpose, membership, duties,
9	administration, report, student privacy
10	* * *
11	B. Membership. (1) The council shall consist of the following twenty-one
12	youth members <b>appointed by the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education as</b>
13	<u>follows</u> :
14	(a)(i) Members appointed to represent youth within a congressional district.
15	Fourteen youth members shall be appointed by the Louisiana Commission on Civic
16	Education, two Two youth members shall be appointed from each congressional
17	district and the remaining members from the state at large in a manner which reflects
18	the diversity of the state to the greatest extent practicable.
19	(b) Youth members shall be selected pursuant to an application process as
20	provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. Youth members and shall possess the
21	qualifications as provided in Subsection C of this Section.
22	(ii)(c) The commission shall select members to the council pursuant to this
23	Subparagraph from among youths recommended by any of the following:
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1	(i) A school administrator, teacher, or representative of an approved home
2	study program or a general education development skills program.
3	(iii) In the event two qualified applicants cannot be found to represent a
4	particular congressional district, in lieu of directly filling any such vacancy, the
5	commission may select a qualified applicant from among youths nominated by a
6	school club or community organization, as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this
7	Paragraph, to serve as an at-large member in order to ensure full membership on the
8	<del>council.</del>
9	(b)(i) Members nominated by certain school clubs and community
10	organizations. Up to seven youths may serve as members nominated by
11	(ii) An adult representative of a school-sponsored club or community
12	organization which has a mission that supports the ideals of character, leadership,
13	and service; encourages mutual respect and instills civic responsibility; builds
14	courage and confidence among young people through community participation; or
15	promotes the principles of representative democracy, in an effort to build stronger
16	communities by increasing civic engagement among youth.
17	(ii) If the number of clubs or organizations eligible for and making a request
18	to participate exceeds seven, the members shall be selected in the same manner and
19	pursuant to the application process, specified in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, as
20	provided for the selection of other members by the commission.
21	(iii) Any club or organization that meets the qualifications of this
22	Subparagraph may submit one name to the commission, along with a letter of
23	recommendation from an adult representative of the club or organization from which
24	the youth is nominated and a letter of recommendation from a school administrator,
25	teacher, or representative of an approved home study program or general education
26	development skills program.
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28	F. Council administration.
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30	(6) The legislative Legislative staff of the Louisiana Commission on Civic

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Education shall provide staff staffing assistance to the council.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_