

Prior law provided for a board member to serve his term until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Prior law provided that member may be removed only for cause determined by the governing authority of the appointing parish. Further provided that the board shall declare a member's office vacant upon the member's conviction of a felony and a plea for nolo contendere to a felony offense. Finally, provided that a member shall be deemed to have abandoned his office upon failure to attend two of any three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without an excuse approved by a resolution of the board at the next regular meeting, and that a vacancy shall be deemed to exist in that member's office beginning at such time.

New law provides for the removal of a board member immediately if removed for cause, at which time the governing authority of the appointing parish is to appoint a temporary replacement to the board immediately or within 14 days.

New law provides that the temporary appointee is to remain on the board until a successor is appointed and qualified and is not eligible for reappointment for a term.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 9, 2014).

(Amends R.S. 48:1456(D))