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**SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2017 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Claitor to Reengrossed House Bill No. 338 by Representative Pope

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 2, delete lines 3 through 18, and insert the following:

"A. The Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is hereby created within the Louisiana Department of Health and is subject to the provisions of R.S. 36:803. The board shall consist of seven persons who are residents of this state, and who, except for the public ~~and physician~~ member, have been engaged in providing service, or in teaching, or research in speech-language pathology or audiology for at least five years prior to appointment and who are licensed speech-language pathologists or audiologists under this Chapter. At least ~~two~~ three of the members shall be practicing audiologists, one of whom shall be a dispensing audiologist, at least ~~two~~ three shall be practicing speech-language pathologists, one of whom shall be currently ~~certified by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as a specialist of speech-language pathology and currently~~ employed in a public school setting, ~~one shall be either a practicing speech-language pathologist or a practicing audiologist, one shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners who shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall not be a voting member of the board;~~ and one shall be a public member."

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 3, delete lines 6 through 29, and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 3, and insert the following:

"C.~~(1)~~ Appointment to the board shall be made without regard to race or ethnicity, creed, sex, age, religion, or national origin, sex, or disability of the appointee. The ~~Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association, board~~ shall within not less than thirty days prior to the expiration of each term of office, submit to the governor a list of ~~at least three~~ the names of interested and qualified individuals for each respective ~~professional service~~ category of board member, ~~except the physician member and the public member, selected by identified through notice to~~ all licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists in this state, from which the governor shall make his appointment to fill the office for the next succeeding term.

~~(2) The Louisiana State Medical Society shall, within not less than thirty days prior to the expiration of the term of office of the physician member of the board submit to the governor a list of at least three names of physicians from which the governor shall make the appointment of the physician member of the board for the next succeeding term. The Louisiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association shall, within not less than thirty days prior to the expiration of the term of office of the public member, submit to the governor a list of three names selected by all licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists in this state from which the governor shall make his appointment to fill the office for the next succeeding term. The three names shall be selected from those nominees submitted by any individual or advocacy group which meets the qualifications and requirements listed under Paragraph A(2) of this Section.~~

D. Any vacancy on the board occurring for any cause except the expiration of the term, shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired portion of the term from a list of names of interested and qualified individuals submitted by the board ~~or the Louisiana Medical Society for a physician vacancy on the board or for the public member from names submitted to the board by an individual or advocacy group which meets the qualifications and requirements of Paragraph A(2) of this Section.~~

1 AMENDMENT NO. 3

2 On page 5, line 11, after "majority of" insert "board" and after "members" delete "otherwise  
3 eligible to vote"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 4

5 On page 5, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

6 "(6) Failure to maintain standards of practice."