

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 176

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

PUBLIC DEFENDER. Provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana Public Defender Board. (8/15/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:146(B)(3)(a), relative to the Louisiana Public Defender

3 Board; to provide relative to the membership of the board; and to provide for related

4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:146(B)(3)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §146. Louisiana Public Defender Board

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9 B.(1) * * *

10 (3) The members shall be selected as follows:

11 (a) The governor shall appoint two members, **one of whom shall be selected**

12 **from the area comprising District No. 5 of the Public Service Commission,** and

13 shall designate the chairman.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

DIGEST

Present law provides that the Louisiana Public Defender Board is to consist of 15 members selected as follows:

- (1) The governor appoints two members and designates the chairman.
- (2) The chief justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana appoints two members. One member is to be a juvenile justice advocate, and the other is to be a retired judge with criminal law experience.
- (3) The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint one member.
- (4) The governor appoints one member representing the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center who is an active employee, retired employee, or has an academic association with the Paul M. Hebert Law Center.
- (5) The governor appoints one member representing the Loyola University School of Law who is an active employee, retired employee, or has an academic association with the Loyola University School of Law.
- (6) The governor appoints one member representing the Southern University Law Center who is an active employee, retired employee, or has an academic association with the Southern University Law Center.
- (7) The governor appoints one member representing the Tulane University School of Law who is an active employee, retired employee, or has an academic association with the Tulane University School of Law.
- (8) The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association appoints two members.
- (9) The president of the Louisiana Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Society appoints one member.
- (10) The chairman of the Louisiana State Law Institute's Children Code Committee appoints one member.
- (11) The executive director of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference appoints one member.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that one of the governor's appointments must be selected from the area comprising District No. 5 of the Public Service Commission.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 15:146(B)(3)(a))