

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 436

BY SENATOR QUINN

STATE AGENCIES. Allows nonprofit victim's rights advocacy organizations to nominate members to the Board of Pardons, the Board of Parole, and the Crime Victims Reparations Board. (8/15/10)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.1(A) and 574.2(A)(1) and R.S. 46:1803(B), relative to
3 the membership of the Board of Pardons, the Board of Parole, and the Crime Victims
4 Reparations Board; to provide relative to procedures for appointment and selection
5 of members; to authorize the submission of lists of names by certain organizations;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 15:572.1(A) and 574.2(A)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to
9 read as follows:

10 §572.1. Board of Pardons; membership; domicile; session; quorum

11 A. The Board of Pardons shall consist of five electors, who shall be appointed
12 by the governor to serve terms concurrent with the governor making the
13 appointments, or until their successors are appointed and take office. Beginning with
14 appointments made to the board, or appointments to fill a vacancy on the board,
15 which occur after August 15, 2008, at least one of the members shall be appointed
16 from a list **comprised** of three names submitted by the membership of Victims and
17 Citizens Against Crime, Inc., **and three names submitted by the membership of**

1 **Crimefighters, Limited.** All appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the
2 Senate. The governor shall designate the chairman of the board.

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4 §574.2. Board of Parole; membership; qualifications; vacancies; compensation;
5 domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels; powers and duties;
6 transfer of property to board; representation of applicants before the
7 board; prohibitions

8 A.(1) A board of parole, hereinafter referred to as "the board", is hereby
9 created in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. It shall consist of seven
10 members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be the chairman of the
11 board, and all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. One of the seven
12 members shall be appointed from a list **comprised** of at least three names submitted
13 by Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc., **and three names submitted by the**
14 **membership of Crimefighters, Limited.** Each appointment by the governor shall
15 be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

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17 Section 2. R.S. 46:1803(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

18 §1803. Crime Victims Reparations Board

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20 B. The board shall be composed of the executive director of the Louisiana
21 Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice or his
22 designee, one person, who shall be chosen and appointed by the governor, from a list
23 **comprised** of three recommendations submitted ~~to the governor~~ by the Victims and
24 Citizens Against Crime, Inc., **and three recommendations submitted by the**
25 **membership of Crimefighters, Limited,** and nine members who shall be appointed
26 by the governor for a term concurrent with that of the governor. Each appointment
27 shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. At least one member shall be
28 appointed from each of the congressional districts in the state. Of the governor's nine
29 appointees, at least one shall be a full voting member who shall be sixty years of age

1 or over and shall serve as a representative of the elderly population of Louisiana.

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The original instrument was prepared by Michael Bell. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Tammy Crain-Waldrop.

DIGEST

Quinn (SB 436)

Present law provides for the members of the Board of Pardons, Board of Parole, and Crime Victims Reparations Board.

Present law provides that Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc., can submit nominations to the governor for appointment to each of these boards and that the governor will appoint one member from these recommendations.

Proposed law retains present law and also adds that the membership of Crimefighters, Limited, is to submit a list comprised of three recommendations.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.1(A) and 574.2(A)(1) and R.S. 46:1083(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Retains present law that one of the seven members of the board is to be appointed by the governor from a list of at least three names submitted by Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc.
2. Adds provision that the membership of Crimefighters, Limited, is also to submit a list of three recommendations.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill.

1. Technical amendments with clarifying language.