

SENATE BILL NO. 436

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

A. The Board of Pardons shall consist of five electors, who shall be appointed by the governor to serve terms concurrent with the governor making the appointments, or until their successors are appointed and take office. Beginning with appointments made to the board, or appointments to fill a vacancy on the board, which occur after August 15, 2008, **2010**, at least one of the members shall be appointed from a list of ~~three~~ names submitted by ~~the membership of Victims and Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc.~~ **any victim's rights advocacy organization which is recognized as a nonprofit with the Internal Revenue Service, incorporated or organized in the state of Louisiana and in good standing, and does not engage in political activity, with each organization submitting a list of three names. However, no person nominated by any victim's rights advocacy organization shall be appointed to serve as a member of the board who has previously been confirmed by the Senate and has served as a member of the board.** All appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. The governor shall designate the chairman of the board.

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

A.(1) A board of parole, hereinafter referred to as "the board", is hereby created in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. It shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be the chairman of the board, and all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. ~~One of the seven members shall be appointed from a list of at least three names submitted by Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc.~~ **Beginning with appointments made to the board, or appointments to fill a vacancy on the board, which occur after August 15, 2010, at least one of the members shall be appointed from a list of names submitted by any victim's rights advocacy organization which is recognized as a nonprofit with the Internal Revenue Service, incorporated or organized in the state of Louisiana and in good standing, and does not engage in political activity, with each organization submitting a list of three names. However, no person nominated by any victim's rights advocacy organization shall be appointed to serve as a member of the board who has previously been confirmed by the Senate and has served as a member of the board.** Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

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

§1803. Crime Victims Reparations Board

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B. The board shall be composed of the executive director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice or his designee, one person, who shall be chosen and appointed by the governor, from a list of three recommendations submitted to the governor by ~~the Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc.~~ **any victim's rights advocacy organization which is**

1 **recognized as a nonprofit with the Internal Revenue Service, incorporated or**
2 **organized in the state of Louisiana and in good standing, and does not engage**
3 **in political activity, with each organization submitting a list of three names,** and
4 nine members who shall be appointed by the governor for a term concurrent with that
5 of the governor. **However, no person nominated by any victim's rights advocacy**
6 **organization shall be appointed to serve as a member of the board who has**
7 **previously been confirmed by the Senate and has served as a member of the**
8 **board.** Each appointment shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. At least
9 one member shall be appointed from each of the congressional districts in the state.
10 Of the governor's nine appointees, at least one shall be a full voting member who
11 shall be sixty years of age or over and shall serve as a representative of the elderly
12 population of Louisiana.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____