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## DIGEST

Appel (SB 108)

Present law provides that the Board of Regents shall appoint a commissioner of higher education to administer and implement board programs and policies. Further provides that the commissioner shall possess such qualifications and have such other powers, functions, duties, and responsibilities as established by the board or as provided by law.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law provides that the commissioner of higher education shall be appointed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the board and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Proposed law deletes the requirement that the commissioner of higher education be confirmed by the Senate.

Present law provides that the salary of the commissioner of higher education shall be determined by the board, subject to the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB).

Proposed law deletes the requirement that JLCB approve the salary of the commissioner of higher education.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3123.1(B) and (C))