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Charter school boards in parishes in a certain population category

New law provides that beginning Oct. 1, 2018, each charter school governing or management board located in a parish with a population between 325,000 and 375,000 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census shall include at least one member who is a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent of a student enrolled in the school or an alumnus, who may be elected or appointed. Requires each board to adopt a policy relative to appointing or electing the parent, legal guardian, grandparent, or alumnus and that the policy be provided to the parents of each student and published on the school's website.

<u>New law</u> requires, beginning with the 2019-20 school year, that the governing or management board of each charter school (other than a Type 2 charter school) that is located in a parish with such a population be representative of the community by race and gender to ensure diversity and that no fewer than 60% of its members reside in the parish in which the school is located.

Charter school boards statewide

<u>New law</u> adds that notwithstanding <u>prior law</u> (the Code of Governmental Ethics) or any other <u>prior law</u> to the contrary, a member of a charter school governing or management board may serve as an officer, director, or employee, whether compensated or not, of any national or state bank; however, requires him to recuse himself from voting in favor of any such bank and to disclose the reason for such recusal by filing a statement of the reason into the minutes or record of the charter school board and by forwarding a disclosure form to the Bd. of Ethics.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 1, 2018).

(Amends R.S. 17:3991(A)(1)(b) and (c)(iii); adds R.S. 17:3991(A)(1)(c)(iv))