
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to
Original House Bill No. 586 by Representative Magee

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the beginning of line 8, insert "nomination, qualifications, and"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, at the beginning of line 12, insert "certain required reports; to provide relative
5 to"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 4, at the end of line 23, insert a semicolon ";" and "nominating committee;
8 confirmation"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 5, at the beginning of line 23, change "B." to "B.(1)"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 7, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

13 "There shall be a nominating committee consisting of the following:

14 (a) The chief justice of the Louisiana State Supreme Court, or his
15 designee who shall be a supreme court justice.

16 (b) The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or his
17 designee who shall be a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

18 (c) The president of the Louisiana State Bar Association, or his
19 designee who shall be a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

20 (2)(a) The nominating committee shall provide a list of three
21 nominees to the governor no later than sixty days after a vacancy occurs in
22 the position of state public defender. A majority vote of the nominating
23 committee shall be required to nominate persons to the position of state
24 public defender.

25 (b) The nominating committee is prohibited from nominating any
26 person who has ever held the position of an elected judge or district
27 attorney."

28 AMENDMENT NO. 6

29 On page 7, at the beginning of line 3, delete "The" and insert the following:

30 "(3) From the list of nominees submitted by the nominating
31 committee, the"

32 AMENDMENT NO. 7

33 On page 7, line 5, after the period "." and before "Each" insert the following:

34 "If the nominating committee fails to submit three nominations within the
35 time specified by Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the governor shall make
36 the appointment without nominations but subject to the qualifications
37 provided by this Section."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 9, line 20, after "programs" and before "for" delete the comma "," and delete
3 "including but not limited to CASA,"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 9

5 On page 16, line 11, change "board" to "office"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 10

7 On page 16, line 18, after "A." insert the following:

8 "(1) The ~~board shall employ~~ a state public defender ~~who~~ shall meet
9 the following qualifications:

10 (1)(a) ~~Meet the qualifications provided for in R.S. 15:150(B)~~ Be a
11 person of good character, honesty, and integrity.

12 (b) Be a citizen of the United States.

13 (c) ~~Following his employment,~~ be a domiciliary of Louisiana who is
14 registered to vote in Louisiana.

15 (2)(d) Be an attorney licensed to practice law in the United States
16 with at least seven years of experience as a criminal defense attorney. If
17 licensed as an attorney in a state other than Louisiana, become licensed as an
18 attorney in this state within one year of being employed by the board.

19 (2) The state public defender shall be a permanent full-time
20 employee and shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law or engage in
21 any other business or profession."

22 AMENDMENT NO. 11

23 On page 18, at the beginning of line 21, insert "(3)"

24 AMENDMENT NO. 12

25 On page 19, line 22, after "program₂" delete the remainder of the line and insert "other
26 service programs, and as"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 13

28 On page 19, line 26, after "programs" and before the period "." delete the comma "," and
29 delete "including CASA"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 14

31 On page 20, line 5, after "programs" and before the period "." delete the comma "," and
32 delete "including CASA"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 15

34 On page 20, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

35 "F. The office shall provide a monthly report to each district public
36 defender advisory board detailing all funds received and disbursed by the
37 fund during the preceding month."

38 AMENDMENT NO. 16

39 On page 23, line 26, after "programs," delete the remainder of the line and insert "as defined
40 by R.S. 15:143 as amended by this Act,"