
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 designee
15 who shall be a supreme court justice.

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

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

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

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

26 AMENDMENT NO. 6

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

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

29 AMENDMENT NO. 7

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

31 "If the nominating committee fails to submit three nominations within the time
32 specified by Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the governor shall make the
33 appointment without nominations but subject to the qualifications provided by this
34 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 the~~
9 following qualifications:

10 ~~(1)(a) Meet the qualifications provided for in R.S. 15:150(B) Be a person of~~
11 ~~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 with at~~
16 ~~least seven years of experience as a criminal defense attorney. If licensed as an~~
17 ~~attorney in a state other than Louisiana, become licensed as an attorney in this state~~
18 ~~within one year of being employed by the board.~~

19 ~~(2) The state public defender shall be a permanent full-time employee and~~
20 ~~shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law or engage in any other business or~~
21 ~~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 "program," 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 defender
36 advisory board detailing all funds received and disbursed by the fund during the
37 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,"