

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 603

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Amends the appointing process for certain occupational licensing boards, committees, and authorities

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:74(B)(1), 341(A)(2), 683(B)(1), 711.4(B)(3)(introductory  
3 paragraph), 753(C)(1)(a), (2)(a), and (3), 914(B)(1), 962(C), 1104(A), (B)(2)(a), and  
4 (C), 1263(B)(1) through (7), 1270.1(B)(2) and (4), 1314(C)(1)(e)(introductory  
5 paragraph) and (f) through (j) and (2)(introductory paragraph), 1339(B) and (D),  
6 1361(B)(1) through (4), 1474(B), 1515(A)(3), 2151(B)(1) through (4) and (7),  
7 2353(A)(2), 2403(B)(2), (3), and (5), 2455(B)(1) and (4), 2503(A)(3)(a), 2654(C)  
8 and (D), 2704(A)(introductory paragraph), 3061(A)(1)(a) through (c) and (2),  
9 3084(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d), 3201(B)(1)(a) through (c), 3356(A)(2)(a) through (c),  
10 3389(B)(1) through (5), 3394(B)(1)(a), 3444(A) and (C), 3463(B)(1), 3504(B), and  
11 3703(B)(1); relative to appointments to certain occupational licensing boards,  
12 committees, and authorities; to provide for governor appointments; to provide for the  
13 consideration of lists; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 37:74(B)(1), 341(A)(2), 683(B)(1), 711.4(B)(3)(introductory  
16 paragraph), 753(C)(1)(a), (2)(a), and (3), 914(B)(1), 962(C), 1104(A), (B)(2)(a), and (C),  
17 1263(B)(1) through (7), 1270.1(B)(2) and (4), 1314(C)(1)(e)(introductory paragraph) and  
18 (f) through (j) and (2)(introductory paragraph), 1339(B) and (D), 1361(B)(1) through (4),  
19 1474(B), 1515(A)(3), 2151(B)(1) through (4) and (7), 2353(A)(2), 2403(B)(2), (3), and (5),  
20 2455(B)(1) and (4), 2503(A)(3)(a), 2654(C) and (D), 2704(A)(introductory paragraph),

3061(A)(1)(a) through (c) and (2), 3084(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d), 3201(B)(1)(a) through (c),  
3356(A)(2)(a) through (c), 3389(B)(1) through (5), 3394(B)(1)(a), 3444(A) and (C),  
3463(B)(1), 3504(B), and 3703(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§74. State Board of Certified Public Accountants of Louisiana; powers and duties

B.(1) The board shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor,  
all of whom shall be residents of this state and holders of valid licenses. Each  
appointment shall be made ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of three  
or more names submitted to the governor by the Society of Louisiana Certified  
Public Accountants or its successor.

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§341. Board of Barber Examiners

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(2) One member shall be appointed from each public service commission  
district in the following manner:

(a) The Louisiana State Association of Journeymen Barbers, Hair Dressers,  
Cosmetologists, and Proprietors shall submit to the governor a list of three names for  
each vacancy that may exist on the board, one of whom shall be a member of a racial  
minority and a member of the nominating organization.

(b) When more than one vacancy exists at the same time, the name of any  
person may not appear on more than one list.

(c) Upon receipt of the lists, the governor ~~shall~~ may consider the list and  
select and appoint one member.

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§683. Board; appointments; terms

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B.(1) The governor shall appoint members to the board and may consider the  
appointments from among professional engineer nominees recommended by the  
Louisiana Engineering Society or its duly recognized successor and from among  
professional land surveyor nominees recommended by the Louisiana Society of

Professional Surveyors or its duly recognized successor. All such nominees shall have the qualifications required by R.S. 37:684.

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§711.4. Board; appointments; terms

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(3) Except for the two members of the public, the governor ~~shall select the nominees from~~ may consider the lists of names submitted by each of the following:

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§753. Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; appointment of members; term of office; vacancies; nominating meetings; quorum; domicile

\* \* \*

C. Each member of the board shall be appointed by the governor as follows:

(1)(a) One dentist shall be appointed from each board district, except that two dentists shall be appointed from District Five and designated as representatives "A" and "B". Each appointment from an electoral district ~~shall~~ may be made from a list of three names of nominees for the respective district submitted to the governor by the board. The district nominees shall be selected from the roster of licensed dentists in the districts at a nominating meeting convened in accordance with the provisions of Subsection F of this Section. The voting domicile of each nominee for appointment and not his office address shall determine his district for purposes of holding office in accordance with the provisions of this Paragraph. The nominating meeting shall be held at least ninety days prior to the vacancy occurring by reason of an expiring term or within thirty days after a vacancy occurring by reason of death, resignation, or for any other reason.

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(2) Three dentists shall be appointed from the state at large to fill seats designated as "At-Large Seats A, B, and C" in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) One seat shall be designated as "At-Large Seat A" and shall be appointed from the state at large and may be appointed from a list of three licensed black dentists certified by the board secretary to the governor. The board secretary shall obtain a list of three nominees for the "At-Large Seat A" position by ballot sent by United States mail to all licensed black dentists in the state at their last known mailing address as indicated in the board files. Each licensed black dentist may nominate any three licensed black dentists by completing the ballot with the full name, residence, address, city, and home telephone number of the three nominees and mailing the ballot to the board offices. The submission of such information on the ballot shall serve as confirmation that the voter has discussed the nomination with the nominees and they have agreed to serve if nominated and appointed by the governor. The ballot shall be mailed by the board secretary at least ninety days prior to any vacancy occurring by reason of an expiring term or within thirty days after a vacancy occurring by reason of death, resignation, or for any other reason. After the board secretary has tabulated all ballots received at the board offices, the names of the three nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be certified by the secretary and sent to the governor.

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(3) The hygienist shall be appointed from the state at large, and may be appointed from a list of three nominees certified by the board secretary and sent to the governor. The board secretary shall obtain a list of three nominees for the at-large dental hygienist position by ballot sent by United States mail to all licensed dental hygienists in the state at their last known mailing address as indicated in the board files. Each licensed dental hygienist may nominate any three licensed dental hygienists by completing the ballot with the full name, residence, address, city, and home telephone number of the three nominees, and mailing same to the board

1 offices. The submission of such information on the ballot shall serve as confirmation  
2 that the voter has discussed the nomination with the nominees and they have agreed  
3 to serve if nominated and appointed by the governor. The ballot shall be mailed out  
4 by the board secretary at least ninety days prior to any vacancy occurring by reason  
5 of an expiring term or within thirty days after a vacancy occurring by reason of  
6 death, resignation, or for any other reason. After the board secretary has tabulated  
7 all ballots received at the board offices, the names of the three nominees receiving  
8 the largest number of votes shall be certified by the secretary and sent to the  
9 governor.

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11 §914. Louisiana State Board of Nursing; appointment of members; term of office;  
12 vacancy; officers; compensation

13 \* \* \*

14 B.(1) The board shall be composed of eight registered nurses appointed by  
15 the governor ~~from~~ who may consider a list of names submitted by the Louisiana  
16 State Nurses Association, one certified registered nurse anesthetist appointed by the  
17 governor ~~from~~ who may consider a list of names submitted by the Louisiana  
18 Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Ltd., and two representatives of the consumers  
19 of Louisiana from the state at-large appointed by the governor, neither of whom shall  
20 be a nurse. Each board member shall possess all of the applicable qualifications  
21 provided in R.S. 37:916.

22 \* \* \*

23 §962. Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners; method of appointment

24 \* \* \*

25 C. The appointment of members of the board shall be made ~~from~~ by the  
26 governor, who may consider a list, containing twice the number of eligibles to be  
27 appointed, submitted to the governor by the Louisiana State Medical Society where  
28 the appointee shall be a licensed physician, by the Louisiana Federation of Licensed  
29 Practical Nurses, Inc., for one of the practical nurses, by the Licensed Practical

1 Nurses of Louisiana, Inc., for one of the practical nurses, by the Louisiana Nursing  
2 Home Association, for one practical nurse, by the Louisiana Hospital Association,  
3 for one practical nurse, or by the Louisiana State Nurses Association where the  
4 appointee shall be a registered nurse. The consumer member may apply directly to  
5 the office of the governor. The governor shall ensure that his appointments  
6 demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity.

7 \* \* \*

8 §1104. Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

9 A. There is hereby created in the Louisiana Department of Health the  
10 Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, hereafter referred  
11 to as the "board", consisting of eleven members who shall be residents of the state  
12 of Louisiana. Each term shall be for four years. Seven appointments to the board,  
13 including one consumer from the public at large, shall be made by the governor ~~from~~  
14 who may consider a list of qualified candidates submitted by the executive board of  
15 the Louisiana Counseling Association. The consumer member may also apply  
16 directly to the office of the governor. Four appointments to the board shall be made  
17 by the governor ~~from~~ who may consider a list of qualified candidates submitted by  
18 the executive board of the Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.  
19 Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.  
20 The governor shall ensure that his appointments demonstrate race, gender, ethnic,  
21 and geographical diversity.

22 B.

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24 (2)(a) The board shall establish a Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory  
25 Committee, which shall consist of the four licensed marriage and family therapist  
26 board members appointed by the governor ~~from~~ who may consider a list of names  
27 submitted by the executive board of the Louisiana Association for Marriage and  
28 Family Therapy.

29 \* \* \*

1 C. No board member shall serve more than two full consecutive terms. Any  
2 board member may be removed by the governor or majority vote of the board, after  
3 notice and hearing, for incompetence, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office, or  
4 moral turpitude. Any vacancy occurring in board membership for the three licensed  
5 professional counselors, three counselor educators, or one member of the public at  
6 large, other than by expiration of term, shall be appointed for the remainder of the  
7 unexpired term by the governor within thirty days ~~from~~ who may consider a list of  
8 qualified candidates supplied by the executive board of the Louisiana Counseling  
9 Association. Any vacancy occurring in board membership for the four licensed  
10 marriage and family therapists, other than by expiration of term, shall be appointed  
11 for the remainder of the unexpired term by the governor within thirty days ~~from~~ who  
12 may consider a list of qualified candidates supplied by the executive board of the  
13 Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

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15 §1263. Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; membership; qualifications;  
16 appointment; removal; terms

17 \* \* \*

18 B. The board shall consist of ten voting members, all appointed by the  
19 governor and subject to Senate confirmation as follows:

20 (1) Two members who may be selected from a list of names submitted by  
21 the Louisiana State Medical Society. One of the members so appointed shall practice  
22 in a parish or municipality with a population of less than twenty thousand people.

23 (2) One member who may be selected from a list of names submitted by the  
24 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans. At least every  
25 other member ~~appointed~~ who may be considered from a list provided for in this  
26 Paragraph shall be a minority appointee. Nothing in this Paragraph shall preclude  
27 consecutive minority appointments from lists provided for in this Paragraph.

28 (3) One member who may be selected from a list of names submitted by the  
29 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport. At least every

1 other member ~~appointed~~ who may be considered from a list provided for in this  
2 Paragraph shall be a minority appointee. Nothing in this Paragraph shall preclude  
3 consecutive minority appointments from lists provided for in this Paragraph.

4 (4) One member who may be selected from a list of names submitted by the  
5 Tulane Medical School.

6 (5) Two members who may be selected from a list submitted by the  
7 Louisiana Medical Association.

8 (6) One member who may be selected from a list submitted by the Louisiana  
9 Academy of Family Practice Physicians.

10 (7) One member who may be selected from a list submitted by the Louisiana  
11 Hospital Association. At least every other member appointed from a list provided for  
12 in this Paragraph shall be a minority appointee. Nothing in this Paragraph shall  
13 preclude consecutive minority appointments from lists provided for in this  
14 Paragraph.

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16 §1270.1. Physician assistants advisory committee

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18 B.

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20 (2) Three members of the committee shall be licensed physician assistants.  
21 The physician assistant members of the advisory committee shall be appointed by  
22 the governor ~~from~~ who may consider a list of names submitted by the Louisiana  
23 Academy of Physician Assistants. At least one of the members of the advisory  
24 committee shall be a physician assistant practicing in a parish or municipality with  
25 a population of less than twenty thousand people.

26 \* \* \*

27 (4) There shall be two members of the advisory committee who shall be  
28 licensed supervising physicians who are appointed by the governor ~~from~~ who may

1 consider a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical  
2 Examiners.

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§1314. Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee; creation; membership;  
qualification; appointment; term; vacancy; officers; meetings; reimbursement

6 \* \* \*

7 C.(1) The governor shall appoint ten members of the committee, subject to  
8 Senate confirmation, as follows:

9 \* \* \*

(e) One clinical laboratory scientist-specialist appointed ~~from~~ by the  
governor, who may consider a list of four names compiled by the submission of two  
names from each of the following two organizations:

13 \* \* \*

(f) One clinical laboratory scientist-generalist who is in a supervisory or administrative capacity appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Hospital Association.

(g) One cytotechnologist appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider  
a list of three names submitted by the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Association.

(h) One laboratory assistant who shall be a member of the American Association of Bioanalysts appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Hospital Association.

(i) One individual who is an administrator of a Louisiana community and technical college appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of names submitted by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

(j) One individual who is an educator in a clinical laboratory science program from a two or four year program appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of names submitted by the Board of Regents.

(2) Each clinical laboratory personnel member of the committee enumerated in Subparagraphs (1)(a) through (d) of this Subsection shall be appointed from by the

1        governor, who may consider four respective lists of six names each compiled by the  
2        submission of two names from each of the following three organizations:

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4        §1339. Advisory Committee on Perfusion; creation

5                                \*           \*           \*

6                B.(1) The committee shall be composed of a total of seven persons,  
7        including four persons who hold an active license to engage in the practice of  
8        perfusion in this state and are appointed by the governor ~~from~~ who may consider a  
9        list of names submitted by the Louisiana Perfusion Society, or from the general  
10       perfusion community should the Louisiana Perfusion Society disband; two  
11       physicians who are actively engaged in the practice of cardiothoracic surgery,  
12       appointed by the governor ~~from~~ who may consider a list of names submitted by the  
13       Louisiana Society of Thoracic Surgeons; and one representative from a hospital with  
14       an active open heart program, appointed by the governor ~~from~~ who may consider a  
15       list of names submitted by the Louisiana Hospital Association. The initial  
16       perfusionist appointees who would otherwise be required to be licensed perfusionists  
17       shall instead be individuals who have been practicing perfusion for at least five years  
18       and who are eligible pursuant to this Part for licensure as a perfusionist.

19                ~~(2) The nominating organizations shall submit their lists of nominees to the~~  
20       ~~governor by October 1, 2003.~~

21                                \*           \*           \*

22                D. Upon the expiration of the term of any member or in the event of a  
23        vacancy for any reason, the appropriate nominating organization shall submit to the  
24        governor the names of two qualified persons for each vacancy to be filled. The  
25        governor may consider these names when choosing an appointment.

26                                \*           \*           \*

27        §1361. State Plumbing Board; appointments; qualifications; legislative intent;  
28        authority

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1           B. The State Plumbing Board is created. The board, which shall be  
2 appointed by the governor, shall consist of one registered mechanical engineer who  
3 is also licensed by the State Plumbing Board, one plumbing inspector who is also  
4 licensed by the State Plumbing Board, three master plumbers, three journeyman  
5 plumbers, one residential plumber limited, and two members of the public. Each  
6 appointment shall be made in the following manner:

7           (1) The registered mechanical engineer ~~shall~~ may be from a list of three  
8 names submitted by the Louisiana Department of Health.

9           (2) The plumbing inspector ~~shall~~ may be from a list of three names submitted  
10 by the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council.

11           (3) Master plumbers ~~shall~~ may be from a list of nine names submitted by the  
12 Louisiana Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors or its  
13 successors.

14           (4) Journeymen plumbers ~~shall~~ may be from a list of nine names submitted  
15 by the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association or its successor.

16                           \*       \*       \*

17           §1474. Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors; creation; qualifications;  
18 domicile; terms of office; confirmation; oath of office; compensation

19                           \*       \*       \*

20           B. The board shall be composed of one member from each congressional  
21 district and one at-large member appointed by the governor ~~from~~ who may consider  
22 a list of names submitted by the board of directors of the Louisiana Chapter of the  
23 American Society of Home Inspectors, the Louisiana Realtors Association, and the  
24 Louisiana Home Builders Association. Each member of the board shall be a United  
25 States citizen and a resident of the state, and shall have been actively engaged in the  
26 home inspection business on a full-time basis for three years preceding the  
27 appointment. The initial board members shall be required to obtain a license in

1 accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. Thereafter, each member of the board  
2 shall be a licensed home inspector.

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4 §1515. Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine; terms; compensation; removal

5 A.

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7 (3) Whenever a vacancy occurs under this Section, the State Veterinary  
8 Medical Association shall nominate three or more qualified persons for each vacancy  
9 and forward the nominations to the governor at least thirty days before the date set  
10 for the appointment. The governor ~~shall appoint one of the persons so nominated~~  
11 may consider these nominations when making an appointment to fill the vacancy.

12 Vacancies due to death, resignation, or removal shall be filled for the remainder of  
13 the unexpired term in the same manner as regular appointments.

14 \* \* \*

15 §2151. State licensing board for contractors; membership; qualifications; tenure;  
16 vacancies

17 \* \* \*

18 B. The members shall be selected and appointed as follows:

19 (1) At least four members shall have had the greater part of their experience  
20 as a licensed contractor in the field of highway and street construction. Three  
21 members shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of six  
22 names submitted by the Louisiana Associated General Contractors. One member  
23 shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of three names  
24 submitted by the Louisiana Asphalt Pavement Association.

25 (2) At least six members shall have had the greater part of their experience  
26 as a licensed contractor in the fields of building or industrial construction, or both  
27 fields. Two members shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider  
28 a list of four names submitted by the Louisiana Associated General Contractors.

Four members shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of eight names submitted by the Associated Builders and Contractors of Louisiana.

(3) At least one member shall have had the greater part of his experience as a licensed contractor in the field of mechanical construction, and shall may be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of three names submitted by the Mechanical Contractors Association of Louisiana.

(4) At least one member shall have had the greater part of his experience as a licensed contractor in the field of electrical construction, and shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Council of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

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(7) At least one member shall have had the greater experience as a licensed contractor in the field of oil field construction, and shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Oilfield Contractors Association.

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§2353. State board of examiners; organization; duties; meetings; fees

A.

\* \* \*

(2) The governor shall appoint members for terms of five years. Each appointment by the governor shall be subject to Senate confirmation. A board member shall not be eligible to succeed himself. ~~All psychologist~~ Psychologist appointments shall be ~~from~~ appointed by the governor, who may consider a list provided by the Louisiana Psychological Association. The list shall report the results of an election in which persons qualified for board membership may nominate themselves and in which licensed members of the Louisiana Psychological Association and other persons licensed in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter are entitled to one vote for each vacancy on the board. The consumer

1 member may apply directly to the office of the governor. The governor shall ensure  
2 that his appointments demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity.

3 \* \* \*

4 §2403. Physical therapy board; composition

5 \* \* \*

6 B. The board shall consist of eight members who shall be appointed by the  
7 governor as follows:

8 \* \* \*

9 (2) One member shall be a physical therapist who possesses an unrestricted  
10 license to practice physical therapy and has been practicing in the state for no less  
11 than three years and shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a  
12 list of names submitted by the Louisiana Hospital Association.

13 (3) Two members shall be physical therapists who possess an unrestricted  
14 license to practice physical therapy and have been practicing in the state for no less  
15 than three years and shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a  
16 list of names submitted by the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.

17 \* \* \*

18 (5) One member shall be a physician who possesses an unrestricted license  
19 to practice medicine in the state and who specializes in the practice of orthopedic  
20 surgery or the practice of physiatry and shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor,  
21 who may consider a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society.

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23 §2455. Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers; composition; districts

24 \* \* \*

25 B.(1) The board shall be composed of nine members. Seven members shall  
26 be hearing aid dealers, the eighth member shall be the state health officer or his  
27 representative, and the ninth member shall be fifty years of age or over and shall  
28 serve as a representative of the hearing aid consumers of Louisiana. The seven  
29 hearing aid dealers shall be appointed in the following manner. The Louisiana

1 Society of Hearing Aid Specialists, chartered by the state, shall submit to the  
2 governor names of not less than fourteen qualified hearing aid dealers, who shall be  
3 actively engaged in the selling and fitting of hearing aids. The governor may  
4 consider this list when making appointments and shall ensure that his appointments  
5 demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity.

6 \* \* \*

7 (4) ~~From~~ With consideration of this list the governor shall appoint seven  
8 members of the board, two from District I, and one from each of the other five  
9 districts. Of the seven hearing aid dealer members of the board, one shall be  
10 appointed to serve a term of four years, two shall be appointed to serve for a term of  
11 three years, two shall be appointed to serve for a term of two years, and two shall be  
12 appointed to serve for a term of one year. Each member so appointed shall serve for  
13 the term of his appointment, and thereafter until his successor has been appointed by  
14 the governor. Each member shall be appointed for a term of four years. In the event  
15 of a vacancy on the board, the governor shall appoint a new hearing aid dealer board  
16 member to serve out the unexpired term. The members of the board shall annually  
17 designate one such member to serve as chairman and another member to serve as  
18 secretary-treasurer. No hearing aid dealer member of the board may be reappointed  
19 to the board until at least one year after the expiration of his second term of office.

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21 §2503. Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators

22 A.

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24 (3)(a) Three additional members shall be appointed by the governor ~~from~~  
25 who may consider a list of names submitted to him by the board of directors of the  
26 Louisiana Nursing Home Association, Inc. or its successor. The association shall  
27 submit three names for each vacant position. Each appointment by the governor

1 shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. The three members appointed by  
2 the governor shall serve three-year terms each.

3 \* \* \*

4 §2654. Board of examiners; creation; membership; appointment; terms; chair;  
5 quorum; domicile

6 \* \* \*

7 C. Appointment to the board shall be made without regard to race or  
8 ethnicity, age, religion, national origin, sex, or disability of the appointee. The board  
9 shall within not less than thirty days prior to the expiration of each term of office,  
10 submit to the governor a list of the names of interested and qualified individuals for  
11 each respective category of board member identified through notice to all licensed  
12 speech-language pathologists and audiologists in this state, from which the governor  
13 ~~shall~~ may consider to make his appointment to fill the office for the next succeeding  
14 term.

15 D. Any vacancy on the board occurring for any cause except the expiration  
16 of the term, shall be filled by the governor for the unexpired portion of the term ~~from~~  
17 who may consider a list of names of interested and qualified individuals submitted  
18 by the board.

19 \* \* \*

20 §2704. Board of Social Work Examiners

21 A. There is hereby created a Louisiana State Board of Social Work  
22 Examiners within the Louisiana Department of Health. The board shall be subject  
23 to the provisions of R.S. 36:803. It shall consist of seven members to include six  
24 social workers and one consumer member. The members shall be appointed by the  
25 governor, subject to Senate confirmation. All appointees shall be selected ~~from~~ by  
26 the governor, who may consider one list compiled by all statewide social work  
27 membership organizations that have written bylaws and meet all state and federal  
28 laws, and the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers shall  
29 be responsible for the coordination of this process. The consumer member may apply

1 directly to the office of the governor. The governor shall ensure that his  
2 appointments demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity. All  
3 appointees shall serve no more than two consecutive full terms. The completion of  
4 an unexpired portion of a full term shall not constitute a full term for purposes of this  
5 Section. The board shall consist of the following members:

6 \* \* \*

7 §3061. Board of Electrolysis Examiners

8 A.(1)(a) The State Board of Electrolysis Examiners shall be composed of six  
9 members, all to be appointed by the governor to serve at his pleasure.

10 (b) Four members shall be licensed electrologists who have been engaged  
11 in the practice of electrology for at least five years prior to their appointment and  
12 shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of names as  
13 follows:

14 (i) Two shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of  
15 four names submitted by the Louisiana Electrologist Association.

16 (ii) Two shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list  
17 of four names submitted by the Regional Electrologists Association of Louisiana.

18 (c) One member shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider  
19 a list of three physicians licensed to practice medicine in this state recommended by  
20 the Louisiana State Medical Society, subject to the provisions of Subparagraph (2)(b)  
21 of this Subsection.

22 \* \* \*

23 (2)(a) If the governor determines that the nominees of the Louisiana  
24 Electrologist Association, the Regional Electrologists Association of Louisiana, or  
25 of the Louisiana State Medical Society are not suitable, he may decline to appoint  
26 from the list submitted and ~~shall~~ may call upon the association or the society to  
27 nominate an additional list of persons.

28 (b) ~~He may repeat such call until a list containing a qualified person or~~  
29 ~~persons meeting his approval is submitted. If the Louisiana State Medical Society~~

1       ~~does not submit a list of physicians to the governor within thirty days of any such~~  
2       ~~request, the governor may appoint an additional nominee of either the Louisiana~~  
3       ~~Electrologist Association or the Regional Electrologists Association of Louisiana in~~  
4       ~~lieu of the licensed physician.~~

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6       §3084. Louisiana State Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition; membership,  
7       terms, and vacancies; officers; meetings; quorum; compensation

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9               B.(1) The board shall be composed of the following eight members, all  
10       appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation:

11               (a) Four shall be licensed dietitians/nutritionists who may be selected from  
12       a list submitted by the Louisiana Dietetic Association.

13               (b) One shall be a licensed registered nurse who may be selected from a list  
14       of names submitted by the Louisiana State Nurses Association.

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16               (d) One shall be a licensed physician who may be selected from a list of  
17       names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society.

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19       §3201. Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners; method of appointment;  
20       qualifications of member

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22               B.(1) The board shall consist of eleven members appointed by the governor  
23       of whom:

24               (a) Four shall be radiologic technologists who may be selected from a list  
25       submitted by the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists.

26               (b) Three shall be hospital administrators, each of whom shall be currently  
27       employed by a hospital, who may be selected from a list of nine names submitted by  
28       the Louisiana Hospital Association.

(c) Three shall be radiologists who may be selected from a list of nine names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society; and

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§3356. Respiratory Care Advisory Committee; creation; duties

A.(1)

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(2)(a) Six members of the committee shall be respiratory therapists licensed by the board to practice respiratory therapy in this state and who may be selected from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana Society of Respiratory Therapy.

(b) Two members of the committee shall be physicians engaged in the practice of pulmonary or critical care medicine and who may be selected from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society.

(c) One member of the committee shall be a hospital administrator who may be selected from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana Hospital Association.

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§3389. Transition; Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority

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B. The Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority (ADRA) is hereby created within the Louisiana Department of Health to exercise all regulatory jurisdiction over the credentialing and practice of addiction counselors and prevention professionals, persons holding specialty certifications issued by the board, paraprofessionals authorized by this Chapter, and those in training to become addiction counselors and prevention professionals. The ADRA shall be governed by a board consisting of seven voting members and one nonvoting member, all of whom shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, as follows:

(1) One nonvoting member who possesses significant knowledge in the area of addiction who may be selected from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society.

(2) One voting member who possesses significant experience and knowledge in the area of compulsive gambling who may be selected from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers, Inc.

(3) One voting member who possesses significant experience and knowledge in the area of prevention who may be selected from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers, Inc.

(4) One voting member who possesses significant experience and knowledge in the area of opiate replacement therapy who may be selected from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers, Inc.

(5) Three voting members who may be selected from a list of nine names divided into three groups of three names each submitted by the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers, Inc.

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§3394. Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board

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B.(1) Ten members shall be appointed by the governor with one member appointed from each congressional district and with four members appointed at large. Of the ten members appointed by the governor:

(a) Two shall be appointed ~~from~~ by the governor, who may consider a list of five names submitted by the Louisiana Bankers Association each of whom shall have been involved in real estate lending for at least five years.

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§3444. Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners

A. There is hereby created in the Louisiana Department of Health the Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board of Examiners, referred to hereafter in this Chapter as the "board", consisting of five

1 members who shall be residents of the state of Louisiana. The members shall be  
2 appointed by the governor ~~from~~ who may consider a list of qualified candidates  
3 supplied by the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-Louisiana,  
4 as specified in this Section. The consumer member may apply directly to the office  
5 of the governor. Each term shall be for four years. Each appointment by the  
6 governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. The governor shall  
7 ensure that his appointments demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical  
8 diversity.

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10 C. No board member shall serve more than two full consecutive terms.  
11 Subsequent appointments to the board shall be made by the governor ~~from~~ who may  
12 consider a list of qualified candidates by the executive committee of the International  
13 Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-Louisiana. Any board member may be  
14 removed by the governor or majority vote of the board, after notice and hearing, for  
15 incompetence, neglect of duty, malfeasance in office, or moral turpitude. Any  
16 vacancy occurring in board membership, other than by expiration of term, shall be  
17 filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the governor within thirty days  
18 ~~from~~ who may consider a list of qualified candidates supplied by the International  
19 Association of Rehabilitation Professionals-Louisiana.

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21 §3463. Board; appointments; terms; removal; compensation; officers

22 \* \* \*

23 B.(1) The governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation, members  
24 to the board who may be selected from a list containing the names of five persons,  
25 submitted by the Louisiana Association of Wholesale Drug Distributors and from a  
26 list containing the names of two persons, submitted by the Pharmaceutical Research  
27 and Manufacturers of America. The consumer member may apply directly to the  
28 office of the governor. In the event of the death or resignation of any member of the  
29 board, the governor shall appoint his successor in the manner of the original

1 appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. The governor shall ensure that  
2 his appointments demonstrate race, gender, ethnic, and geographical diversity.

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4 §3504. Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners; creation;  
5 qualifications; domicile; terms of office; confirmation; oath of office;  
6 compensation

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8 B. The board shall be composed of seven members appointed by the  
9 governor. One member shall be appointed from each of the five public service  
10 commission districts as established by law and shall be a resident of the district from  
11 which he is appointed. The governor shall appoint one licensed attorney to serve on  
12 the board from the state at large and one member from the state at large ~~appointed~~  
13 who may be selected from a list of names submitted by the board of directors of the  
14 Louisiana Private Investigators Association. Each member of the board shall be a  
15 citizen of the United States of America, a resident of Louisiana, at least twenty-one  
16 years of age and, except for the attorney appointed from the state at large, shall have  
17 been actively engaged in the private investigator business for the previous five years,  
18 earning at least ninety percent of his gross income for the year preceding his  
19 appointment from the private investigator business. No more than two board  
20 members may be employed by or affiliated with the same agency. The initial board  
21 members shall not be required to be licensed but shall obtain a license within one  
22 hundred eighty days after appointment to the board. Each subsequent member shall  
23 be a licensed private investigator.

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25 §3703. Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board

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27 B.(1) The board shall be comprised of seven members to include six  
28 behavior analysts and one consumer member who shall be appointed by the governor

1 from who may consider a list of nominees submitted by the Louisiana Behavior  
2 Analysis Association, and who shall be confirmed by the Senate.

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# DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 603 Engrossed

2025 Regular Session

McMakin

**Abstract:** Provides relative to appointments for occupational licensing boards, committees, and authorities.

Present law provides for appointments by the governor who shall choose certain appointments from lists provided by trade associations when making appointments to the following boards, committees, and authorities:

- (1) Accountants. (R.S. 37:74(B)(1))
- (2) Barber examiners. (R.S. 37: 341(A))
- (3) Professional engineering and professional surveying. (R.S. 37:683(B)(1))
- (4) Professional geoscientists. (R.S. 37:711.4(B)(3)(introductory paragraph))
- (5) Dentists. (R.S. 37:753(C)(1)(a), (2)(a), and (3))
- (6) Nursing. (R.S. 37:914(B)(1))
- (7) Practical nurse examiners. (R.S. 37:962(C))
- (8) Professional counselors board of examiners. (R.S. 37:1104(A), (B)(2)(a), and (C))
- (9) Medical examiners. (R.S. 37:1263(B)(1) through (7))
- (10) Physicians assistants. (R.S. 37:1270.1(B)(2) and (4))
- (11) Clinical laboratory personal. (R.S. 37:1314(C)(1)(e)(introductory paragraph) and (f) through (j) and (2)(introductory paragraph))
- (12) Perfusion. (R.S. 37:1339(B) and (D))
- (13) Plumbing. (R.S. 37:1361(B)(1) through (4))
- (14) Home inspectors. (R.S. 37:1474(B))
- (15) Veterinary medicine. (R.S. 37:1515(A)(3))
- (16) Contractors. (R.S. 37:2151(B)(1) through (4) and (7))
- (17) Examiners of psychologists. (R.S. 37:2353(A)(2))
- (18) Physical therapy. (R.S. 37:2403(B)(2), (3), and (5))

- (19) Hearing aid dealers. (R.S. 37:2455(B)(1) and (4))
- (20) Examiners of nursing facility administrators. (R.S. 37:2503(A)(3)(a))
- (21) Speech-language pathology and audiology. (R.S. 37:2654(C) and (D))
- (22) Social work examiners. (R.S. 37:2704(A)(introductory paragraph))
- (23) Electrolysis examiners. (R.S. 37:3061(A)(1)(a) through (c) and (2)(a))
- (24) Examiners in dietetics and nutrition. (R.S. 37:3084(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d))
- (25) Radiologic technology. (R.S. 37:3201(B)(1)(a) through (c))
- (26) Respiratory care. (R.S. 37:3356(A)(2)(a) through (c))
- (27) Addictive disorder regulatory. (R.S. 37:3389(B)(1) through (5))
- (28) Real estate appraisers. (R.S. 37:3394(B)(1)(a))
- (29) Vocational rehabilitation counselors. (R.S. 37:3444(A) and (C))
- (30) Drug and device distributors. (R.S. 37:3463(B)(1))
- (31) Private investigator examiners. (R.S. 37:3504(B))
- (32) Behavior analysts. (R.S. 37:3703(B)(1))

Proposed law amends present law to allow the appointments to be considered from these lists instead of mandated from.

(Amends R.S. 37:74(B)(1), 341(A)(2), 683(B)(1), 711.4(B)(3)(intro. para.), 753(C)(1)(a), (2)(a), and (3), 914(B)(1), 962(C), 1104(A), (B)(2)(a), and (C), 1263(B)(1)-(7), 1270.1(B)(2) and (4), 1314(C)(1)(e)(intro. para.) and (f)-(j) and (2)(intro. para.), 1339(B) and (D), 1361(B)(1)-(4), 1474(B), 1515(A)(3), 2151(B)(1)-(4) and (7), 2353(A)(2), 2403(B)(2), (3), and (5), 2455(B)(1) and (4), 2503(A)(3)(a), 2654(C) and (D), 2704(A)(intro. para.), 3061(A)(1)(a)-(c) and (2), 3084(B)(1)(a), (b), and (d), 3201(B)(1)(a)-(c), 3356(A)(2)(a)-(c), 3389(B)(1)-(5), 3394(B)(1)(a), 3444(A) and (C), 3463(B)(1), 3504(B), and 3703(B)(1))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.