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Present law places the La. State Uniform Construction Code Council (council) within the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (department).

Proposed law transfers the council from the department to the State Licensing Board for Contractors (board) and provides that the executive director of the board shall serve as the executive director of the council. Allows the board to utilize its staff to fulfill its responsibilities and duties with the council.

Present law creates the council, which consist of 20 members, one of whom shall be the state health officer or his designee and one whom shall be the fire marshal or his designee. Provides that with the exception of the state health officer and the fire marshal, each member of the council shall be appointed by the governor.

Proposed law retains present law except changes the number of members from 20 members to 17 members and provides for membership as follows:

- (1) The fire marshal or his designee.
- (2) Two building code enforcement officers registered with the council.
- (3) One member who shall have the greater part of his professional experience as a licensed electrician or licensed plumber.
- (4) One licensed mechanical engineer.
- (5) Two licensed architects, one of whom shall be a member of the La. Associated General Contractors.
- (6) One licensed structural engineer.
- (7) One member representing the Louisiana Home Builders Association.
- (8) One member representing the Associated Builders and Contractors.
- (9) One licensed residential contractor.

- (10) One licensed commercial contractor who is a member of the La. Associated General Contractors.
- (11) One member with professional experience in the insurance industry.
- (12) One member representing the Building Officials Association of Louisiana.
- (13) One member representing the Louisiana Building Code Alliance.
- (14) Two members at large.

Present law requires the council to elect a chairman and vice chairman and provides for the terms each officer shall serve within the council. Requires the council to adopt regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act, in order to implement provisions under present law.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the council shall be domiciled in East Baton Rouge Parish and clarifies that the council shall meet bi-monthly, in East Baton Rouge, unless directed to meet more often by the chairman. Eliminates the four year term limit for the chairman of the council.

Present law provides that members of the council shall serve without compensation but requires members to be reimbursed for actual expenses and mileage incurred while attending council meetings.

Proposed law retains present law and removes the requirement for expense and mileage reimbursement.

Proposed law allows the governor to remove members of the council for cause or at the request of the chairman for failure to attend more than half of regularly scheduled meeting within a 12-month period.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 40:1730.22(A) and (D); adds R.S. 37:2166, R.S. 40:1730.22 (G) and (H); repeals R.S. 36:409(A)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Provide that the executive director of the State Licensing Board for Contractors (board) shall have the authority to designate the board's staff to the council.
2. Change the number of members in the council from 19 to 17.

3. Remove the state health officer or his designee from the council and replaces that membership with two building code enforcement officers registered with the council.
4. Add a requirement that at least one licensed architect on the council be a member of the La. Associated General Contractors.
5. Add a requirement that the licensed commercial contractor on the council be a member of the La. Associated General Contractors.
6. Change the number of members representing the La. Building code Alliance from two to one.
7. Change the at-large members on the council from three to two.
8. Remove the requirement to reimburse council members for expenses and mileage incurred while attending meetings.
9. Eliminate the four year term limit for the chairman of the council.
10. Make technical changes.