

SENATE BILL NO. 175

BY SENATOR WOMACK

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1361(B), 1361(B)(3) and (4)
3 and (D), 1362, 1363, 1366(A)(1), and 1379, relative to the State Plumbing Board; to
4 provide for membership of the board; to provide for terms of office; to provide for
5 the election of officers of the board; to provide for duties of the board; to provide
6 relative to an advisory committee; to provide for terms, conditions, and procedures;
7 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 37:1361(B), R.S. 37:1361(B)(3) and
10 (4) and (D), 1362, 1363, 1366(A)(1), and 1379 are hereby amended and reenacted to read
11 as follows:

12 §1361. State Plumbing Board; appointments; qualifications; legislative intent;
13 authority

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15 B. The State Plumbing Board is created. The board, which shall be appointed
16 by the governor, shall consist of one registered mechanical engineer who is also
17 licensed by the State Plumbing Board, one plumbing inspector who is also licensed
18 by the State Plumbing Board, ~~three~~ **five** master plumbers, ~~three journeyman~~
19 ~~plumbers~~ **one journeyman plumber**, one residential plumber limited, and two
20 members of the public. Each appointment shall be made in the following manner:

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22 (3)(a) ~~Master~~ **Three active master** plumbers shall be from a list of nine
23 names submitted by the ~~Louisiana Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling~~
24 ~~Contractors~~ **Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Louisiana** or its successors
25 **successor**.

26 **(b) Two master plumbers shall be from a list of six names submitted by**
27 **the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association or its successor.**

1 (c) Any active master plumber appointed shall be listed as the
2 responsible master plumber for his company.

3 (4) Journeymen plumbers The journeyman plumber shall be from a list of
4 ~~nine~~ three names submitted by the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association or its
5 successor.

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7 D. All members shall be qualified electors of this state and, except for the
8 public members, shall be licensed by the board ~~except the first board members who~~
9 ~~shall be licensed within one year.~~ The public members shall represent the general
10 public and shall not earn their livelihood in a construction-related industry.

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12 §1362. Term of office

13 The members of the board shall serve for six years, ~~provided, however, that~~
14 ~~initially three appointees shall serve for two years, three appointees shall serve for~~
15 ~~four years, and two appointees shall serve for six years or~~ and shall remain serving
16 after their term expires until their successors are appointed by the governor.

17 §1363. Officers of the board

18 A. The board shall elect from its members a chairman, a vice chairman, and
19 a secretary-treasurer for two year terms; the election to be held within thirty days of
20 ~~July +~~ August first in each odd-numbered year.

21 B.(1) The chairman and vice chairman shall each be an active master
22 plumber listed as the responsible master plumber for his company.

23 (2) The chairman shall vote only in case of a tie.

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25 §1366. Duties of the board

26 A.(1) The board shall adopt tests of qualification to be possessed by any
27 persons actually engaged in the ~~repair of existing~~ alteration, installation,
28 maintenance, or repair of plumbing in one- and two-family dwellings and see that
29 any person engaged in the duties of a residential plumber limited shall possess a
30 residential plumber limited license.

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§1379. Advisory committee

There shall be an advisory committee appointed by the Louisiana Pipe Trades Association and the ~~Louisiana Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors, Inc.~~ **Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Louisiana**, with each organization appointing five members to the committee. The committee shall have access to all meetings and records of the board and shall have the privilege of discussing board business at any and all meetings, and advise the board upon the board's activities. They shall receive no pay or expenses and shall not be qualified to vote.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____