

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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

New law transfers the council from the department to the State Licensing Board for Contractors (board) and provides that the council shall exercise its duties, functions, and responsibilities under the management of the executive director of the board.

Prior law created 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. Provided that with the exception of the state health officer and the fire marshal, each member of the council shall be appointed by the governor.

New law creates a 17 member council 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 American Institute of Architects of La.
- (6) One licensed structural engineer.
- (7) One member representing the La. 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 La.
- (13) One member representing the La. Building Code Alliance.
- (14) Two members at large.

Existing law requires the council to elect a chairman and vice chairman. Requires the council to adopt regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act, in order to implement provisions under existing law.

New law retains existing 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.

Prior law provided that the chairman shall serve as chairman for a maximum of four years from the date of his election.

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

New law retains existing law and provides that each council member may be reimbursed for actual expenses and mileage incurred while attending council meetings.

New 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))