

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 438 (SB 175)**

**2025 Regular Session**

**Womack**

Existing law creates the State Plumbing Board (board) and provides for nominations and appointments of members.

Prior law provided for the following board members: one registered mechanical engineer, one plumbing inspector, three master plumbers, three journeymen plumbers, one residential plumber limited, and two members of the public.

New law provides that the board shall be composed of the following:

- (1) One registered mechanical engineer who is licensed by the board and appointed from a list of three names submitted by La. Dept. of Health.
- (2) One plumbing inspector who is licensed by the board and appointed from a list of three names submitted by La. State Uniform Construction Code Council.
- (3) Five master plumbers as follows:
  - (a) Three active master plumbers appointed from a list of nine names submitted by the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of Louisiana (formerly LAPHCC) or its successor. Any active master plumber appointed shall be listed as the responsible master plumber for their company.
  - (b) Two master plumbers appointed from a list of six names submitted by the La. Pipe Trades Association or its successor.
- (4) One journeyman plumber appointed from a list of three names submitted by the La. Pipe Trades Association or its successor.
- (5) One residential plumber limited appointed by the governor.
- (6) Two members of the public:
  - (a) One appointed from a list of three names submitted by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (b) One appointed from a list of three names submitted by the president of the Senate.

Prior law provided that all members shall be qualified electors of this state and licensed by the board except the first board members who shall be licensed within one year.

New law provides that all members shall be qualified electors of this state, except the public members, and shall be licensed by the board. Provides that the public members shall not earn their livelihood in a construction related industry.

Prior law provided that board members shall serve for six years, provided that the initial three appointees shall serve for two years, three appointees shall serve for four years, and two appointees shall serve for six years or until their successors are appointed by the governor.

New law provides that board members shall serve for six years and shall remain serving after the term expires until their successors are appointed by the governor.

Existing law provides that the board shall elect from its members a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary-treasurer for two year terms. Prior law provided that the election shall be held within 30 days of July first in each odd-numbered year.

New law retains existing law and requires the election to be held within 30 days of August first in each odd-numbered year. Provides that the chairman and vice chairman shall each be an active master plumber listed as the responsible master plumber for his company.

Existing law provides that any person engaged in the repair of existing plumbing in one- and two- family dwellings shall possess a residential plumber limited license.

New law retains existing law and adds that any person engaged in the installation, alteration, or maintenance of existing plumbing in one- and two-family dwellings shall possess a residential plumber limited license.

New law changes the name of the La. Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors, Inc. to the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of La.

Effective June 20, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 37:1361(B)(intro para), (B)(3) and (4) and (D), 1362, 1363, 1366(A)(1), and 1379)