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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the membership and quorum requirements for the La. Commission on Civic Education.

Present law establishes the La. Commission on Civic Education to educate citizens in the community as well as students in schools on the importance of citizen involvement in a representative democracy and to promote communication and collaboration among organizations in the state that conduct civic education programs.

Present law provides that the membership of the commission consists of the following:

- (1) The governor, or his designee.
- (2) The lieutenant governor, or his designee.
- (3) The state attorney general, or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of state, or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Senate, or his designee.
- (6) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
- (7) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee.
- (8) The chairman of the House Committee on Education, or his designee.
- (9) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.
- (10) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or his designee.
- (11) One member to represent La. Public Broadcasting, appointed by the executive director of the La. Public Broadcasting Corporation.
- (12) One member to represent the League of Women Voters, appointed by the League of Women Voters of La.

- (13) One member to represent the La. Press Association and one member to represent the La. Association of Broadcasters, appointed by the president of each association.
- (14) One member to represent the La. Center for Law and Civic Education, appointed by the president of its board of directors.
- (15) One member to represent the La. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, appointed by the president of the La. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
- (16) The chairman of the Volunteer Louisiana Commission, or his designee.
- (17) One member to represent the La. District Judges Association, appointed by the president of its board of directors.
- (18) The chief justice of the La. Supreme Court or his designee.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law additionally provides for the following members:

- (1) One state coordinator of the La. Legislators Back to School Program, to represent the Senate program, appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (2) One state coordinator of the La. Legislators Back to School Program, to represent the House of Representatives program, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

Proposed law provides instead for one state coordinator of the La. Legislators Back to School Program as a member who is appointed jointly by the president and the speaker.

Present law additionally provides that the executive director of the Council for a Better Louisiana is a member. Proposed law changes the name of the entity to Leaders for a Better Louisiana and authorizes the executive director to designate a member. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law further provides for the following members:

- (1) The state coordinator of Project Citizen.
- (2) The executive director of the Public Affairs Research Council.

Proposed law authorizes the state coordinator and executive director to designate a member. Otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides for the following additional members:

- (1) One member to represent the La. Association of Non-Profit Organizations, appointed by the chairman of the La. Association of Non-Profit Organizations.
- (2) Any additional member who has expertise in civic education or civic involvement, as may be designated by three-fourths of the commission members present and voting. Such member shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that 10 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and that all official action of the commission shall require the favorable vote of a majority of those members present and voting.

(Amends R.S. 24:972(A)(11)-(22); Adds R.S. 24:972(F); Repeals R.S. 24:972(A)(23)-(25))