

Prior law placed the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) in the office of the governor.

New law places the LRA in the division of administration within the office of the governor. Further specifies that the LRA board shall be placed in the division of administration.

Prior law provided for 33 members of the LRA board, 29 who served at the governor's pleasure and four ex officio. Provided that of the 29 appointees, no less than two should have been appointed from each congressional district.

New law reduces the number of board members from 33 to 17, 13 who serve at the governor's pleasure and four ex officio. Provides that of the 13 appointees, at least one be from each congressional district.

Prior law provided that members serve staggered six-year terms.

New law instead provides that members serve until statutory authority for the LRA ceases on July 1, 2010.

Existing law provides for four ex officio members of the board, the speaker and speaker pro tempore of the House and the president and president pro tempore of the Senate. Further allows ex officio board members to appoint designees from the La. Legislature.

New law requires that the name of any ex officio designee authorized under existing law be provided in writing to the chairman of the board. Such designee shall serve until the ex officio member revokes such designation.

Existing law states that the purpose of the authority shall be to recommend policy, planning, and resource allocation affecting programs and services for the recovery, and to identify duplication of services relative to the recovery where appropriate.

New law adds program implementation and services provision to the purpose of the authority.

Existing law, relative to powers, duties, and functions of the LRA, authorizes the LRA to propose and promote the implementation of special programs dedicated to the recovery which may be funded by state or federal funds or other monies.

New law additionally authorizes the LRA to implement special programs. Specifies that special programs include The Road Home Program, the Public Assistance Program, the Hazard Mitigation Program, and the Alternative Housing Pilot Program. Specifies that implementation shall be at the direction of the governor.

Existing law provides for the powers, duties, and functions of the LRA executive director. Requires the executive director to perform any duties or functions consistent with the provisions of existing law as requested by the board.

New law further provides that the LRA executive director perform such functions as requested by the governor.

Effective upon signature of governor (July 1, 2008).

(Amends R.S. 36:4(H) and R.S. 49:220.4(A)(1) and (B)(1)-(4) and 220.5(A)(2) and (D)(4))