

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 765

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

EMPLOYMENT: Provides relative to membership of Workers' Compensation Advisory Council

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1294(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (g), and to enact R.S.
3 23:1294(A)(4), relative to the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council; to provide
4 with respect to membership; to provide for diverse representation within the state;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 23:1294(A)(2)(introductory paragraph) and (g) are hereby amended
8 and reenacted and R.S. 23:1294(A)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1294. Workers' Compensation Advisory Council

10 A.

11 * * *

12 (2) It shall consist of seventeen members who are domiciled in Louisiana
13 and appointed by the governor to serve at the pleasure of the governor. To the extent
14 practicable, every organization or entity that provides nominations to the council
15 shall strive for diversity in its appointments on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, and
16 geography. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for
17 confirmation.

18 * * *

19 (g) Five shall be members of the general public, one from each Public
20 Service Commission district.

21 * * *

(4) Any change in membership to achieve the goal of geographic representation and diversity based on sex, race, and ethnicity shall occur by attrition.

3 * * *

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Pierre

HB No. 765

Abstract: Provides for the composition of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

Present law creates the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, which is made up of 17 members appointed by the governor and who serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Proposed law provides that to the extent practicable, the nominating organization or entity shall strive for diversity in its appointments to the council, taking into consideration sex, race, ethnicity, and geography.

Present law provides that each appointment must be approved by the Senate.

Present law specifies from which industries and associations the members shall be chosen.

Present law requires that the council meet and make recommendations to the governor and legislature on the implementation of workers' compensation laws.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires that the members of the council be domiciled in La.

Proposed law requires that each of the five members of the general public be from a different Public Service Commission district.

Proposed law provides that the changes in the makeup of the council shall occur by attrition, with the governor appointing new members as required in proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 23:1294(A)(2)(intro. para.) and (g); Adds R.S. 23:1294(A)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill.

1. Added technical amendments.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Provided that to the extent practicable, the nominating organization or entity shall strive for diversity in its appointments to the council, taking into consideration sex, race, ethnicity, and geography.
2. Required that each of the five members of the general public be from a different Public Service Commission district.