DIGEST

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Pierre HB No. 765

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

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> provides that each appointment must be approved by the Senate.

<u>Present law</u> specifies from which industries and associations the members shall be chosen.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

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

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

(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 <u>House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations</u> to the <u>original</u> 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.