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SENATE BILL NO. 435

BY SENATOR MCMATH

POLITICAL PARTIES. Provides relative to the composition of the parish executive committee of the Republican Party in St. Tammany Parish. (8/1/24)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 18:444(B)(1), (C)(1), and (D) and to enact R.S. 18:444(G)(2)(e),
3	relative to parish executive committees; to provide relative to the parish executive
4	committee of the Republican Party in St. Tammany Parish; to provide relative to
5	membership and appointment on the committee; to provide relative to organization
6	of the committee and election of officers; to provide for terms of office; and to
7	provide for related matters.
8	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. 18:444(B)(1),(C)(1), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and
11	R.S. 18:444(G)(2)(e) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
12	§444. Parish executive committees
13	* * *
14	B. Election, appointment, and term. (1)(a) Members Elected members of
15	a parish executive committee of a recognized political party shall be elected every
16	four years at the same time as the presidential preference primary election. The term
17	of office of the elected members shall be until their successors are qualified and

elected

1	elected.
2	(b) The term of office for appointed members of a parish executive
3	committee of a recognized political party shall be concurrent with the term of
4	office of the appointing member of the Louisiana Senate or the member of the
5	Louisiana House of Representatives.
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7	C. Meetings. (1) The newly-elected new members of the parish executive
8	committee of a recognized political party shall meet at the parish courthouse, shall
9	take office, and organize the committee within forty days after their election or
10	appointment. A majority of the newly-elected members of the parish executive
11	committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of organizing and filling any
12	vacancies which may exist due to death, ineligibility, or failure to fill a vacancy by
13	election.
14	* * *
15	D. Officers. At the first meeting of the parish executive committee of a
16	recognized political party, the newly-elected new members of the committee shall
17	elect the officers provided for by the rules and regulations of the state central
18	committee of that political party, which shall be uniform for all parish executive
19	committees. The chairman of each parish executive committee shall submit the name
20	of each officer to the secretary of state within five business days of the election of
21	the officers and shall submit any change in the officers to the secretary of state
22	within five business days of the change.
23	* * *
24	G. Composition. (1) * * *
25	(2)(a) * * *
26	(e) In St. Tammany Parish, the parish executive committee of the
27	Republican Party shall be composed of fourteen members elected from each
28	councilmanic district, five members elected at large from the parish, and
29	twenty-two members appointed as follows:

1	(i) The members of the Louisiana Senate who represent Districts 1 and
2	11, if they are registered members of the Republican Party, shall each appoint
3	three members.
4	(ii) The members of the Louisiana Senate who represent Districts 12 and
5	37, if they are registered members of the Republican Party, shall each appoint
6	two members.
7	(iii) The members of the Louisiana House of Representatives who
8	represent Districts 74, 76, 77, 89, 90, and 104, if they are registered members of
9	the Republican Party, shall each appoint two members.
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that in each parish, the parish executive committee of a recognized political party shall be composed of five members-at-large and as many members as there are members of the parish governing authority. The members-at-large shall be elected from the entire parish, while the additional members shall be elected, one each, from the districts or wards from which the members of the parish governing authority are elected.

<u>Present law</u> provides exceptions for the parish executive committees of recognized political parties in Orleans, Jefferson, and Lafayette parishes and the parish executive committee of the Democratic Party in Caddo Parish.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds an exception for the parish executive committee of the Republican Party in St. Tammany Parish that requires it to be composed of 14 members elected from each councilmanic district, five members elected at large from the parish, and 22 members appointed by the state senators representing Districts 1, 11, 12, and 37, and the representatives representing Districts 74, 76, 77, 89, 90, and 104, provided the state legislators are registered members of the Republican Party.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the senators representing Districts 1 and 11, if registered members of the Republican Party, each appoint three members.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the senators representing Districts 12 and 37 and the representatives representing Districts 74, 76, 77, 89, 90, and 104, if they are registered members of the Republican Party, each appoint two members.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the term of office for appointed members to be concurrent with the term of office of the appointing state legislator.

<u>Present law</u> provides for newly elected members of the parish executive committee of a recognized political party to take office and organize the committee within 40 days after their election.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and further provides for newly appointed members of a parish executive committee, if applicable, to participate in the committee organization process in conjunction with newly elected members.

<u>Present law</u> provides that at the first meeting of the parish executive committee of a recognized political party, the newly elected members are required to elect the officers provided for by the rules and regulations of the state central committee of that party.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides all new members, either appointed or elected, are required to elect the officers provided for by the rules and regulations of the state central committee of that party.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 18:444(B)(1),(C)(1), and (D); adds R.S. 18:444(G)(2)(e))