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2024 Regular Session

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)

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 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 |
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| 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 <u>elected</u> members shall be until their successors are qualified and |
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| 1 | elected. |
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| 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 | the legislature. |
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| 6 | C. Meetings. (1) The newly-elected <u>new</u> members of the parish executive |
| 7 | committee of a recognized political party shall meet at the parish courthouse, shall |
| 8 | take office, and organize the committee within forty days after their election \underline{or} |
| 9 | appointment. A majority of the newly-elected members of the parish executive |
| 10 | committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of organizing and filling any |
| 11 | vacancies which may exist due to death, ineligibility, or failure to fill a vacancy by |
| 12 | election. |
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| 14 | D. Officers. At the first meeting of the parish executive committee of a |
| 15 | recognized political party, the newly-elected new members of the committee shall |
| 16 | elect the officers provided for by the rules and regulations of the state central |
| 17 | committee of that political party, which shall be uniform for all parish executive |
| 18 | committees. The chairman of each parish executive committee shall submit the name |
| 19 | of each officer to the secretary of state within five business days of the election of |
| 20 | the officers and shall submit any change in the officers to the secretary of state |
| 21 | within five business days of the change. |
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| 23 | G. Composition. (1) * * * |
| 24 | (2)(a) * * * * |
| 25 | (e) In St. Tammany Parish, the parish executive committee of the |
| 26 | Republican Party shall be composed of fourteen members elected from each |
| 27 | councilmanic district, five members elected at large from the parish, and |
| 28 | fourteen members appointed by members of the legislative delegation |
| 29 | representing St. Tammany Parish who are registered members of the |

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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 14 members appointed by the St. Tammany Parish Republican delegation.

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

<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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and</u> <u>Governmental Affairs to the original bill</u>

- 1. Consolidate a reference to the Louisiana House and Senate.
- 2. Change the number of appointed members from 22 to 14.

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3. Change the method of appointment from individual legislators each appointing a certain number of members to the St. Tammany Parish Republican delegation collectively making the appointments.