

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 881

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, AMEDEE, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, BUTLER,
CARRIER, COX, EMERSON, FONTENOT, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY,
TAYLOR, AND THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:652(A), relative to the Council for the Development of
3 French in Louisiana; to provide relative to the membership of the council; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 25:652(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §652. Membership; appointment; terms; vacancies; compensation

8 A. The council shall be composed of twenty-three members as follows:

9 (1) Two members appointed by the governor.

10 (2) ~~Three members appointed by the Louisiana section of the Assemblée des~~
11 ~~Parlementaires Francophones~~ One member appointed by the lieutenant governor.

12 (3) ~~Two members~~ One member appointed by the council's Consortium of
13 Louisiana Colleges and Universities.

14 (4) One member appointed by the Le Centre International de Lafayette.

15 (5) One member appointed by ~~the Louisiana Cultural Economy~~
16 ~~Foundation~~ Louisiana Parents for French Immersion.

17 (6) The mayor of New Orleans, or his designee.

18 (7) One member appointed by the French-American Chamber of Commerce,
19 Louisiana Chapter.

1 (8) One member appointed by the Louisiana Educational Television
2 Authority.

3 (9) One member appointed by La Fondation Louisiane.

4 (10) Four members appointed by the Louisiana Consortium of Immersion
5 Schools. The appointment of the members shall be made as follows: two members
6 shall reside east of the Atchafalaya River, and two members shall reside west of the
7 Atchafalaya River.

8 (11) One member appointed by the American Association of Teachers of
9 French, Louisiana Chapter.

10 (12) One member appointed by the United Houma Nation, one member of
11 the Pointe-Au-Chien Indian Tribe, and one member of the Jean Charles Choctaw
12 Nation, each serving on a two-year rotational basis. The Pointe-Au-Chen Indian tribe
13 member shall serve from August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2026; the Jean Charles
14 Choctaw Nation member shall serve from August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2028;
15 and the United Houma Nation member shall serve from August 1, 2028, through July
16 31, 2030. Thereafter, the two-year rotation shall continue in the order provided for
17 in this Paragraph.

18 (13) One member appointed by the Association Louisiane-Acadie.

19 (14) One member appointed by the Louisiana State Bar Association,
20 Francophone Section.

21 (15) One member appointed by the African-American Museum of
22 St. Martinville.

23 (16) One member appointed by CREOLE, Inc.

24 (17) Two members appointed by the legislative Acadiana Delegation.

25 (18) One member appointed by the president of the University of Louisiana
26 at Lafayette, McNeese State University, or Nicholls State University. The
27 appointment of the member pursuant to this Paragraph shall be made as follows: the
28 president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall appoint the member whose
29 term begins in 2024, the president of McNeese State University shall appoint the

