

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 427 (HB 319)

2026 Regular Session

Bayham

Existing law establishes the La. Commission on Civic Education to educate citizens in the community as well as students in schools on the importance of citizen involvement in a representative democracy and to promote communication and collaboration among organizations in the state that conduct civic education programs.

Existing law provides that the membership of the commission consists of the following:

- (1) The governor, or his designee.
- (2) The lieutenant governor, or his designee.
- (3) The state attorney general, or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of state, or his designee.
- (5) The president of the Senate, or his designee.
- (6) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.
- (7) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee.
- (8) The chairman of the House Committee on Education, or his designee.
- (9) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.
- (10) The president of the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, or his designee.
- (11) One member to represent La. Public Broadcasting, appointed by the executive director of the La. Public Broadcasting Corporation.
- (12) One member to represent the League of Women Voters, appointed by the League of Women Voters of La.
- (13) One member to represent the La. Press Association and one member to represent the La. Association of Broadcasters, appointed by the president of each association.
- (14) One member to represent the La. Center for Law and Civic Education, appointed by the president of its board of directors.
- (15) One member to represent the La. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, appointed by the president of the La. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
- (16) The chairman of the Volunteer Louisiana Commission, or his designee.
- (17) One member to represent the La. District Judges Association, appointed by the president of its board of directors.
- (18) The chief justice of the La. Supreme Court or his designee.

Prior law additionally provided for the following members:

- (1) One state coordinator of the La. Legislators Back to School Program, to represent the Senate program, appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (2) One state coordinator of the La. Legislators Back to School Program, to represent the House of Representatives program, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

New law provides instead for one state coordinator of the La. Legislators Back to School Program as a member who is appointed jointly by the president and the speaker.

Prior law additionally provided that the executive director of the Council for a Better Louisiana was a member. New law changes the name of the entity to Leaders for a Better Louisiana and authorizes the executive director to designate a member.

Existing law further provides for the following members:

- (1) The state coordinator of Project Citizen.
- (2) The executive director of the Public Affairs Research Council.

New law authorizes the state coordinator and executive director to designate a member.

Prior law provided for the following additional members:

- (1) One member to represent the La. Association of Non-Profit Organizations, appointed by the chairman of the La. Association of Non-Profit Organizations.
- (2) Any additional member who has expertise in civic education or civic involvement, as may be designated by three-fourths of the commission members present and voting. Such member shall serve at the pleasure of the commission.

New law repeals prior law.

New law provides that 10 members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and that all official action of the commission shall require the favorable vote of a majority of those members present and voting.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 24:972(A)(11)-(22); Adds R.S. 24:972(F); Repeals R.S. 24:972(A)(23)-(25))