

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 496

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides for campaign contribution disclosures by appointees to certain boards and commissions prior to confirmation

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 24:14(L), relative to disclosure of certain campaign contributions by certain
3 board or commission appointees prior to Senate confirmation; to provide for forms
4 for such disclosure; to provide requirements for such disclosure; to provide penalties;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 24:14(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §14. Senate confirmations

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10 L.(1)(a) No less than one week prior to Senate confirmation, all prospective
11 appointees pursuant to Subsection A of this Section shall complete and file with the
12 secretary of the Senate the form provided for in this Subsection.

13 (b) The form shall be in the format adopted by the presiding officer of the
14 Senate and shall contain at minimum the following information:

15 (i) The full name and address of the prospective appointee.

16 (ii) A list of each statewide elected official over the past four calendar years
17 to whom the prospective appointee has made a campaign contribution and the
18 amount of each contribution, itemized by year.

19 (iii) A certification signed by the appointee that the form has been completed
20 truthfully and to the best of the appointee's ability.

- 1 (2) Failure to comply with the requirements of this Subsection shall result
2 in an inability of the prospective appointee to be confirmed or reconfirmed.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires disclosure of certain campaign contributions by certain persons pending Senate confirmation to a board or commission.

Present law provides procedures and requirements for Senate confirmation of prospective appointees to certain boards and commissions. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law further requires that any prospective appointee by the governor must complete a form disclosing each statewide elected official to whom the prospective appointee has made a campaign contribution over the past four years. Provides that the form must be completed truthfully and signed by the appointee and filed with the secretary of the Senate no less than one week prior to his confirmation. Further provides minimum requirements for the contents of the form.

Proposed law provides that a failure of the prospective appointee to comply with the requirements of proposed law shall result in an inability to confirm or reconfirm him.

(Adds R.S. 24:14(L))