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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Retains the status quo of the number of members of various boards and commissions and provides transitional provisions to comply with new congressional districts.

Present law establishes the membership of various boards and commissions based on representation from some or all of the state's congressional districts. Proposed law alters the membership or the number of members who can be appointed from the state at large in response to the reduction of the state's congressional districts from seven to six in order to retain the same number of total members on each board or commission:

**State Racing Commission** (R.S. 4:141 et seq.): Increases from two to three the number of appointments for at-large members.

**Public trust** (R.S. 9:2341 et seq.): Adds one appointed at large trustee.

**Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College** (R.S. 17:1453 et seq.): Increases from one to three the number of appointments for at large members.

Statutorily reduces from 17 to 15 the number of total membership. (In 1993, when the state went from eight to seven congressional districts, no corresponding change was made to R.S. 17:1453; however, the LSU Board of Supervisors reduced its membership and presently has 15 members appointed pursuant to this provision.)

**Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System** (R.S. 17:1831, et seq.): Increases from one to three the number of appointments for at large members.

Statutorily reduces from 17 to 15 the number of total membership. (In 1993, when the state went from eight to seven congressional districts, no corresponding change was made to R.S. 17:1831; however, the UL Board of Supervisors reduced its membership and presently has 15 members appointed pursuant to this provision.)

**Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College** (R.S. 17:1851, et seq.): Increases from one to three the number of appointments for at large members.

Statutorily reduces from 17 to 15 the number of total membership. (In 1993, when the state

went from eight to seven congressional districts, no corresponding change was made to R.S. 17:1851; however, the Southern Board of Supervisors reduced its membership and presently has 15 members appointed pursuant to this provision.)

**Louisiana Educational Television Authority** (R.S. 17:2501, et seq.): Adds one appointed at large member.

**Board of Regents** (R.S. 17:3121, et seq.): Requires two members be appointed from each congressional district and three members appointed at large.

Retains total membership of the Board of Regents at 15 but eliminates the unattainable requirement that at least one but no more than two members be residents of each congressional district.

**Legislative Youth Advisory Council** (R.S. 24:973.1): Increases from seven to nine the number of youth members who can be nominated by a school-sponsored club or community organization.

**Louisiana Civil Rights Museum Advisory Board** (R.S. 25:841, et seq.): Adds one appointed at large member.

**Riverboat Gaming Commission** (R.S. 27:41, et seq.): Adds one appointed at large member.

**Louisiana Economic Development and Gaming Corporation** (R.S. 27: 218, et. seq.): Adds one appointed at large member.

**Louisiana Environmental Education Commission** (R.S. 30:2501, et seq.): Adds one at large environmental educator.

**Louisiana Real Estate Commission** (R.S. 37:1430, et seq.): Retains that one of the commission's 11 members is appointed from either the fourth or fifth congressional district and one is appointed from either the first, second, third, or sixth congressional district but eliminates the seventh congressional district from the latter grouping.

**Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee** (R.S. 37:2165, et seq.) Retains the subcommittee's five members, but changes from one member either to one each from the first and sixth congressional districts, retains one member from either the fourth or fifth congressional district, retains one member from the third congressional district, retains member one from the second congressional district, and eliminates an appointment from the seventh congressional district.

**Tobacco Settlement Financing Governing Board** (R.S. 39:99.1, et seq.) Increases from one to two the number of appointments for at large members.

**Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Governing Board** (R.S. 39:99.26, et seq.): Adds one appointed at large member.

**Ambulance Service District Commission** (R.S. 40:1236.21, et seq.): Adds one appointed at large member.

Proposed law specifically provides that the term of members who are currently serving on specified state boards and commissions is not affected by the changes in the number or district lines of the congressional districts which become effective on Jan. 3, 2013; however, any appointment or reappointment thereafter, including the naming of a successor to serve an unexpired term, must be in accordance with the changed number and boundaries of congressional districts. Additionally, as vacancies occur, the appointing person or entity must first make appointments to comply with the congressional district requirements of the membership of the respective board or commission and only then may make appointments for membership, if any, from the state at large. Proposed law specifically provides that the action of any board or commission whose membership is affected by the change in congressional districts shall not be found to be unlawful or improper due to the change in congressional districts.

(Amends R.S. 4:144(A), R.S. 9:2341(E)(4), R.S. 17:1453(A) and (D), 1831(A) and (B), 1851(B), 2503(C)(1), and 3121(B), R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1)(a)(i), R.S. 25:845(B)(7), R.S. 27:51(B) and 211(A)(1) and (C), R.S. 30:2503(A)(2)(h), R.S. 37:1432(A) and 2165(A), R.S. 39:99.5(A) and 99.29(A), and R.S. 40:1236.25(A))