

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 997

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS: Changes membership of the La. State Board of Private Investigator Examiners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3504(B) and (D), relative to the Louisiana State Board of  
3 Private Investigator Examiners; to provide for membership; to provide for an  
4 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:3504(B) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §3504. Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners; creation;  
9 qualifications; domicile; terms of office; confirmation; oath of office;  
10 compensation

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12 B. The board shall be composed of seven members appointed by the  
13 governor. One member shall be appointed from each of the five public service  
14 commission districts as established by law and shall be a resident of the district from  
15 which he is appointed. The governor shall appoint one licensed attorney to serve on  
16 the board from the state at large and one member from the state at large ~~appointed~~  
17 ~~from a list of names submitted by the board of directors of the Louisiana Private~~  
18 ~~Investigators Association~~ who shall be a private citizen with no financial or familial  
19 relationship to the private investigator industry. Each member of the board shall be  
20 a citizen of the United States of America, a resident of Louisiana, at least twenty-one  
21 years of age and, except for the attorney and private citizen appointed from the state

1 at large, shall have been actively engaged in the private investigator business for the  
 2 previous five years, earning at least ninety percent of his gross income for the year  
 3 preceding his appointment from the private investigator business. No more than two  
 4 board members may be employed by or affiliated with the same agency. The initial  
 5 board members shall not be required to be licensed but shall obtain a license within  
 6 one hundred eighty days after appointment to the board. Each subsequent member  
 7 shall be a licensed private investigator.

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9 D. Each member shall serve ~~at the pleasure of the governor.~~ a term of four  
 10 years. No person shall serve more than two terms, whether consecutive or not.

11 Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

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13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012; if vetoed by the governor  
 14 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
 15 2012, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Changes the membership of the La. State Board of Private Investigator Examiners making the member at large a private citizen and changes term of the members.

Present law creates the La. State Board of Private Investigator Examiners composed of seven members appointed by the governor and who serve at his pleasure as follows:

- (1) One from each of the five public service commission districts.
- (2) One attorney from the state at large.
- (3) One from the state at large appointed from a list of names submitted by the board of directors of the La. Private Investigators Association.

Proposed law makes the member from the state at large a private citizen with no financial or family ties to the industry.

Proposed law changes the term of the members from pleasure of the governor to four-year terms and limits a member to two terms, whether consecutive or not.

Effective July 1, 2012

(Amends R.S. 37:3504(B) and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

1. Made the member from the state at large a private citizen with no financial or family ties to the industry.
2. Changed the term of the members from pleasure of the governor to four-year terms and limits a member to two terms, whether consecutive or not.
3. Provided for an effective date of July 1, 2012.