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HOUSE BILL NO. 768

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 4:144(A), R.S. 9:2341(E)(4), R.S. 17:1453(A) and (D), 1831(A)
3 and (B), 1851(B), 2503(C)(1), and 3121(B), R.S. 24:973.1(B)(1)(a)(i), R.S.
4 25:845(B)(7), R.S. 27:211(A)(1) and (C), R.S. 30:2503(A)(2)(h), R.S. 37:1432(A)
5 and 2165(A), R.S. 39:99.5(A) and 99.29(A), and R.S. 40:1236.25(A), relative to
6 membership on various boards, commissions, and like entities; to provide with
7 respect to the number and locale of members appointed based on congressional
8 districts as of January 2013; to adjust or create a membership at large to retain the
9 existing number of members on each board or commission; to provide transitional
10 provisions; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 4:144(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
13 §144. State Racing Commission; creation; membership; tenure; powers and duties;
14 quorum; qualification of members; per diem; expenses and disbursements;
15 bond; prohibited interest
16 A. There is hereby created within the office of the governor a racing
17 commission, to be known as the "Louisiana State Racing Commission". The
18 commission shall have the powers and duties specified in this Part and all other
19 powers necessary and proper to enable it to execute fully and effectually all of the
20 objects, purposes, duties, and policies of this Part. It shall be composed of thirteen
21 members, one person from each congressional district, ~~two persons at large, and;~~
22 four persons, consisting of one member domiciled in each of the following parishes:
23 Calcasieu, St. Landry, Bossier, and Orleans, ~~all;~~ and the remaining person or persons

1 ~~one~~ the remaining member or members shall be appointed from the state at large.
 2 Each member shall serve a term of six years, which shall expire on June 1 of the
 3 sixth year of the term to which he is appointed, or until his successor is appointed
 4 and takes office.

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6 D. The successor of any member shall be appointed to serve for the
 7 remainder of the term of such member. In making such appointment as any vacancy
 8 occurs, the governor shall comply with the provisions of Subsection A above until
 9 such time as the board includes two members from each congressional district and
 10 one ~~member~~ or more members at large. As vacancies occur and as terms expire, the
 11 governor shall make appointments so as to ~~insure~~ ensure that each congressional
 12 district is represented by not less than two members who are residents of and are
 13 domiciled in such district. Thereafter, the successor of each member, with the
 14 exception of the member or members at large, shall be a citizen and resident of the
 15 same congressional district as the member replaced.

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17 §1831. Board of ~~Trustees for State Colleges and Universities~~ Supervisors for the
 18 University of Louisiana System; creation; membership; terms of office;
 19 vacancies

20 A. The Board of ~~Trustees for State Colleges and Universities~~ Supervisors for
 21 the University of Louisiana System, referred to hereinafter in this part as the board,
 22 is created as a body corporate.

23 B. The board shall be composed of ~~seventeen~~ fifteen members. ~~Sixteen~~ Two
 24 members from each congressional district shall be appointed by the governor ~~from~~
 25 ~~the congressional districts of the state, two to be residents of and appointed from~~
 26 ~~each district,~~ and one ~~member~~ or more members shall be appointed by the governor
 27 from the state at large. All such appointments shall be made with the consent of the
 28 Senate.

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1 Section 7. R.S. 27:211(A)(1) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
2 follows:

3 §211. Board of directors; qualifications; terms; removal; chairman; compensation;
4 meetings; records; appointment of corporation president; duties; removal;
5 open board meetings

6 A. The affairs of the corporation shall be supervised by a board of directors
7 which shall be composed of and appointed as follows:

8 (1) Seven members, one from each congressional district and the remaining
9 member or members from the state at large, appointed by the governor and
10 confirmed by the Senate as provided in Subsection C of this Section.

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12 C. Members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate shall
13 be residents of the state of Louisiana and serve staggered terms of six years. ~~Seven~~
14 ~~members shall be appointed from the seven congressional districts.~~ Of the initial
15 appointees, the member from the first congressional district, and one member from
16 the parish where the official gaming establishment is located, shall be appointed for
17 a term to expire on December 31, 1993; the member from the second congressional
18 district, and one member from the parish where the official gaming establishment is
19 located, shall be appointed for a term to expire on December 31, 1994; the member
20 from the third congressional district shall be appointed for a term to expire on
21 December 31, 1995; the member from the fourth congressional district shall be
22 appointed for a term to expire on December 31, 1996; the member from the fifth
23 congressional district shall be appointed for a term to expire on December 31, 1997;
24 and the members from the sixth and seventh congressional districts shall be
25 appointed for a term to expire on December 31, 1998. Members appointed by the
26 governor and confirmed by the Senate may serve beyond the end of their respective
27 terms until their successors have been appointed and qualified. No member shall
28 serve more than one consecutive six-year term. Members may be removed by the
29 governor for cause, which shall include neglect of duty, malfeasance, misfeasance,

1 or nonfeasance in office. The governor shall appoint the chairman of the board and
2 the board shall annually elect a vice chairman from among its voting members.

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4 Section 8. R.S. 30:2503(A)(2)(h) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
5 follows:

6 §2503. Louisiana Environmental Education Commission; creation; membership;
7 duties

8 A.

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10 (2) The commission shall consist of the secretary of the Department of
11 Wildlife and Fisheries or his designee, the state superintendent of education or his
12 designee, the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee,
13 the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources or his designee, the secretary
14 of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee, the commissioner of the
15 Department of Agriculture and Forestry or his designee, the chancellor of the
16 Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or his designee, the chancellor of
17 Southern University Agricultural and Mechanical College or his designee, and the
18 following members appointed by the governor:

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20 (h) ~~One environmental educator~~ Seven environmental educators, one from
21 each congressional district and the remaining environmental educator or educators
22 from the state at large, to be recommended by the president of the Louisiana
23 Environmental Educators Association.

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25 Section 9. R.S. 37:1432(A) and 2165(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
26 as follows:

27 §1432. Louisiana Real Estate Commission; qualifications; terms of office

28 A. The Louisiana Real Estate Commission is hereby created within the office
29 of the governor. The commission shall consist of eleven members appointed by the
30 governor. One member shall be appointed from each of the seven supreme court

1 districts. Two members shall be appointed at large. Two members shall be
2 appointed from the following districts: one appointee from either the Fourth
3 Congressional District or the Fifth Congressional District and one appointee from
4 either the First, Second, Third, or Sixth, ~~or Seventh~~ Congressional District. Each
5 appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

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7 §2165. Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee; membership; terms

8 A. There is hereby established within the State Licensing Board for
9 Contractors the Residential Building Contractors Subcommittee, consisting of five
10 members who shall be residents of the state of Louisiana and who have been actively
11 engaged in residential contracting for at least five years prior to appointment by the
12 governor. Three members of the subcommittee shall be appointed by the governor
13 from a list of not less than ten names submitted by the Louisiana Homebuilders
14 Association as certified by its president and secretary. One member of the
15 subcommittee shall be appointed to represent congressional ~~districts~~ district one and
16 ~~six~~, one member to represent congressional districts four and five, one member to
17 represent congressional district three, one member to represent congressional district
18 two, and one member to represent congressional district ~~seven~~ six.

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20 Section 10. R.S. 39:99.5(A) and 99.29(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
21 as follows:

22 §99.5. Governing board; membership; terms; compensation and expenses; chairman
23 and vice chairman; quorum; employees, agents; limitation of liability

24 A. The board of the corporation shall exercise all powers, rights, and duties
25 conferred by this Subpart or other provisions of law upon the corporation. The board
26 shall consist of the governor, the state treasurer, attorney general, president of the
27 Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives, or their legislative designees,
28 ~~seven members appointed by the governor with one member~~ and eight members
29 appointed by the governor, one from each of the seven congressional districts district
30 ~~and one additional member appointed from the state~~ and the remaining member or

1 death, resignation, or removal created such vacancy. Members on the board may be
2 appointed to an additional term.

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4 Section 11. R.S. 40:1236.25(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

5 §1236.25. Ambulance service district commission; qualifications, appointment,
6 vacancies, removal, and compensation of members

7 A. The ambulance service district created pursuant to this Subpart shall be
8 governed by the Ambulance Service District Commission, hereafter referred to as the
9 "commission". The commission shall be composed of seven members, one member
10 from each congressional district and the remaining member or members from the
11 state at large, appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, from
12 a list of names submitted by the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance. The nomination list
13 submitted to the governor shall include at least three nominees from each
14 congressional district and at least three nominees for each position to be appointed
15 from the state at large. Members of the commission shall be citizens and qualified
16 electors of this state. Initially, three members of the commission shall be appointed
17 for a two-year term, and the remaining members for four-year terms. Thereafter, all
18 members shall be appointed for four years. Any vacancy on the board caused by
19 death, resignation, removal, or disability of a member shall be filled for the
20 unexpired term ~~by appointment by the governor from the congressional district~~
21 ~~where the vacancy occurred~~ in the same manner as the original appointment.

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23 Section 12.(A) The provisions of this Act shall not reduce the term of office of any
24 appointee of a board or commission who is lawfully holding such position on or before noon,
25 January 3, 2013, when his position or the overall membership of the board or commission
26 is based upon the number or geographical boundaries of any or all congressional districts.

27 (B) Any appointment or reappointment after January 3, 2013, including the naming
28 of a successor to serve an unexpired term, shall be in accordance with the number and new
29 boundaries of congressional districts established pursuant to Act No. 2 of the 2011 First
30 Extraordinary Session of the Legislature. As vacancies occur, the appointing authority shall

1 first make appointments to comply with the congressional district requirements of the
2 membership of the respective board or commission, and, thereafter, the appointing authority
3 may make appointments for membership, if any, from the state at large.

4 (C) The action of any board or commission in this state whose membership, in whole
5 or in part, is required by law to be selected from one or more congressional districts shall not
6 be found or held to be unlawful or improper due to the change in the state's congressional
7 district boundaries or number of congressional districts that become effective at noon,
8 January 3, 2013.

9 (D) For purposes of this Section, "board or commission" includes any statutorily
10 created or recognized board, commission, trust, authority, council, committee, or
11 subcommittee.

12 Section 13. Section 3 of this Act shall take effect and become operative if and when
13 the proposed amendment of the Constitution of Louisiana contained in the Act which
14 originated as House Bill No. 524 of this 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted
15 at a statewide election and becomes effective.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____