

Prior law created the La. Public Defender Board. The board has 15 members, plus two ex officio, nonvoting members.

Prior law required appointment of board members as follows:

- (1) The governor appoints two members.
- (2) The chief justice of the La. Supreme Court appoints two members; one member shall be a juvenile justice advocate; the other shall be a retired judge with criminal law experience.
- (3) The Senate president and the House speaker each appoint one member.
- (4) The governor appoints one member representing the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center who is an active employee, retired employee or has an academic association with the center.
- (5) The governor appoints one member representing the Loyola University School of Law who is an active employee, retired employee or has an academic association with the school.
- (6) The governor appoints one member representing the Southern University Law Center who is an active employee, retired employee or has an academic association with the center.
- (7) The governor appoints one member representing the Tulane University School of Law who is an active employee, retired employee or has an academic association with the school.
- (8) The president of the La. State Bar Association appoints two members.
- (9) The president of the La. Chapter of the Louis A. Martinet Society appoints one member.
- (10) The chairman of the La. State Law Institute's Children Code Committee appoints one member.
- (11) The executive director of the La. Interchurch Conference appoints one member.

Prior law provided for the appointment of two ex officio, nonvoting members by the La. Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the La. Public Defender's Association.

New law provides that when a vacancy occurs, the board staff shall submit to the appointment entity a list identifying the residency of the current board members by congressional district, and request that, to the extent possible, the entity make their appointments from the residents of under-represented districts.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 15:146(A)(5))