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HB 601 Engrossed

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Hollis

Abstract: Provides certain age, residence, and domicile requirements for members of the Public Service Commission.

<u>Present law</u> provides for a Public Service Commission consisting of five members elected from single-member districts established by law. Requires members to be elected at congressional elections for overlapping terms of six years. Additionally requires members to be qualified electors and to take office and begin their terms on the first day of Jan. following election.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>. Additionally, provides that to be eligible for election to the commission, a candidate must at the time of qualification satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) Attained the age of 18 years.
- (2) Resided in the state for the preceding two years.
- (3) Been actually domiciled for the preceding year in the district from which he seeks election.

(Amends R.S. 45:1161.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Specify that the period of time during which the candidate must have been actually domiciled in the district is the year preceding qualification.