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## DIGEST

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HB 291 Engrossed

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Glover

**Abstract:** Provides for the development of programs by the office of diversity and opportunity to address the needs and concerns of minority and women producers and for training for producers in all areas of agency management. Extends the division's survey to all licensed entities. Further provides for terms of members of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity.

Present law creates a division of diversity and opportunity within the Dept. of Insurance and provides for its powers and functions, including authorizing it to conduct a survey of insurance companies doing business in this state in order to seek information and data relative to the policies and practices of hiring of and contracting with minorities.

Proposed law provides that all entities authorized or licensed pursuant to the La. Insurance Code may be included in the survey. Additionally charges the division with developing programs to address the needs and concerns of minority and women producers in the state. Provides that the programs may provide training for producers in all areas of agency management and training and education for personnel.

Present law provides for 25-member Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunity in the division of diversity and opportunity, 24 of whom are appointed by the governor and serve at his pleasure.

Proposed law provides that such 24 members shall serve terms concurrent with that of the appointing governor.

Present law incorrectly refers to the head of the division of diversity and opportunity as a deputy commissioner.

Proposed law corrects the reference to assistant commissioner of the division.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 22:31(B) and 32(A)(1)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 22:31(A)(6))