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Present law provides that membership on the Board of Ethics be composed of eleven members: seven members appointed by the governor; two members elected by the House of Representatives; and two members elected by the Senate.

Proposed law retains these provisions in present law.

Present law provides the following procedure in which the governor's appointments and the members elected by legislature are to be made.

(1) A nominating committee composed of presidents of the colleges and universities that are member institutions of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or its successor, submits names of no fewer than five different eligible nominees for each position or vacancy to the governor, Senate, or House of Representatives, whichever is appropriate.

    (a) Requiring that due consideration be given to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race. A majority vote of the membership of the nominating committee is required to nominate persons to a position.

(2) Requires that the governor appointments and the election by members of the Senate and House of Representatives occur no later than 60 days after the receipt of the names of the nominees.

    (a) Provides a procedure if the governor fails to make an appointment or if the Senate or House of Representatives fails to elect a member.

(3) Requires that any vacancy on the board for any cause be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and from the same source for the remainder of the original term.

Proposed law removes this procedure.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Repeals R.S. 42:1132(B)(2))