

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 130

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

PARDON: Provides for qualifications of members of the Board of Pardons

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.1(A)(1), relative to the Board of Pardons; to provide for
3 the qualifications of board members; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 15:572.1(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §572.1. Board of Pardons; membership; domicile; session; quorum

7 A.(1)(a) The Board of Pardons shall consist of five members, who shall be
8 appointed by the governor to serve terms concurrent with the governor making the
9 appointments, or until their successors are appointed and take office. Beginning with
10 appointments made to the board, or appointments to fill a vacancy on the board,
11 which occur after August 15, 2010, at least one of the members shall be appointed
12 from a list of names submitted by any victim's rights advocacy organization which
13 is recognized as a nonprofit with the Internal Revenue Service, incorporated or
14 organized in the state of Louisiana and in good standing, and does not engage in
15 political activity, with each organization submitting a list of three names. However,
16 no person nominated by any victim's rights advocacy organization shall be appointed
17 to serve as a member of the board who has previously been confirmed by the Senate
18 and has served as a member of the board. All appointments shall be subject to
19 confirmation by the Senate. The governor shall designate the chairman of the board.

1 (b) The members of the board shall have knowledge, education, or
2 experience in the administration of criminal justice or in the behavioral sciences as
3 provided in this Subparagraph. Each member shall have at least five years of
4 training and experience, or a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited
5 college or university, in one or more of the following fields: parole, probation,
6 corrections, law, law enforcement, psychology, psychiatry, sociology, and social
7 work.

8 (c) The selection of members appointed by the governor and confirmed by
9 the Senate shall reflect, as nearly as possible, a cross section of the racial, gender,
10 economic, and geographic features of the population of the state.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the qualifications of members of the Board of Pardons.

Present law provides that the Board of Pardons shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the governor.

Proposed law amends present law to require that the members of the board have knowledge, education, or experience in the administration of criminal justice or in the behavioral sciences.

Proposed law requires each member to have at least five years of training and experience, or a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university, in one or more of the following fields: parole, probation, corrections, law, law enforcement, psychology, psychiatry, sociology, and social work.

Proposed law requires the selection of members to reflect, as nearly as possible, a cross section of the racial, gender, economic, and geographic features of the population of the state.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.1(A)(1))