

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 626

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Replaces the composition and membership of all statutorily created boards, commissions, and like entities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 42:2.2, relative to boards and commissions; to provide for the membership on
3 all statutorily established boards, commissions, and like entities; to remove the
4 members of statutorily established boards, commissions, and like entities; to provide
5 relative to appointments to and the composition of such boards, commissions, and
6 like entities; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 42:2.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2.2. Membership; boards, commissions, councils, authorities, entities

10 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
11 composition and membership of all boards, commissions, councils, authorities, and
12 entities to which on the effective date of this Section at least a majority of the
13 members are appointed by the governor shall be as provided in this Section.

14 B. Each board, commission, council, authority, or entity to which this
15 Section is applicable, shall be composed of five members. Two members shall be
16 selected by the House of Representatives, two members shall be selected by the
17 Senate, and one member shall be appointed by the governor. If the board,
18 commission, council, authority, or entity regulates a profession or industry and on
19 the effective date of this Section has at least one member representing the profession
20 or industry, the appointment by the governor shall represent that profession or

1 industry. The House of Representatives, the Senate, and the governor shall consult
2 on the appointments to ensure compliance with the provisions of R.S. 42:2.1.

3 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any board, commission,
4 council, authority, or entity the membership of which is provided in the constitution.

5 Section 2. Upon the effective date of this Act, the term of each member of each
6 board, commission, council, authority, or entity to which the provisions of R.S. 42:2.2(A)
7 are applicable shall expire, however such members shall continue to serve in accordance
8 with R.S. 42:2 until at least three members of the board, commission, council, authority, or
9 entity are appointed in accordance with R.S. 42:2.2(B).

10 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
14 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Replaces the composition and membership of all boards, commissions, and like entities to which the governor appoints at least a majority of the members, with five members (two selected by the House, two selected by the Senate, and one appointed by the governor).

Present law creates and provides for numerous boards, commissions, and like entities and specifies the composition and membership on each.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law the composition and membership of all boards, commissions, councils, authorities, and entities to which the governor appoints at least a majority of the members shall instead be as provided by proposed law.

Proposed law provides that each such board, commission, or like entity shall be composed of five members. Two selected by the House of Representatives, two selected by the Senate, and one appointed by the governor. Provides that if the board, commission, or like entity regulates a profession or industry and presently has at least one member representing the profession or industry, the appointment by the governor shall represent that profession or industry. Requires the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the governor to consult on the appointments to ensure compliance with the provisions of present law (R.S. 42:2.1), which requires appointing authorities to give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including geography, gender, and race. Proposed law specifies that

is does not apply to any board, commission, or like entity for which the membership is provided in the constitution.

Proposed law specifies that upon the effectiveness of proposed law the term of each member of each board, commission, or like entity subject to the provisions of proposed law shall expire, however such members continue to serve in accordance with present law (R.S. 42:2) until at least three members of the board, commission, or like entity are appointed in accordance with proposed law.

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

(Adds R.S. 42:2.2)