

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 881

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

CULTURE/FRENCH: Provides relative to the membership of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 25:652(A), relative to the Council for the Development of
3 French in Louisiana; to provide relative to the membership of the council; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 25:652(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §652. Membership; appointment; terms; vacancies; compensation

8 A. The council shall be composed of twenty-three members as follows:

9 (1) Two members appointed by the governor.

10 (2) ~~Three members appointed by the Louisiana section of the Assemblée des~~
11 ~~Parlementaires Francophones~~ Two members appointed by the lieutenant governor.

12 (3) ~~Two members~~ One member appointed by the council's Consortium of
13 Louisiana Colleges and Universities.

14 (4) One member appointed by the Le Centre International de Lafayette.

15 (5) One member appointed by ~~the Louisiana Cultural Economy~~
16 ~~Foundation~~ Louisiana Parents for French Immersion.

17 (6) The mayor of New Orleans, or his designee.

18 (7) One member appointed by the French-American Chamber of Commerce,
19 Louisiana Chapter.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the membership of the Council for the Development of French in La. (CODOFIL).

Present law provides for the membership of the Council for the Development of French in La. (CODOFIL), consisting of 23 members. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides for the reconstitution of the council by making the following changes in the membership:

- (1) Replaces three members appointed by the La. section of the Assemblée des Parlementaires Francophones with the following:
 - (a) Two members appointed by the lieutenant governor.
 - (b) One member appointed by the Acadiana Delegation.
- (2) Replaces one member appointed by the La. Cultural Economy Foundation with one member appointed by La. Parents for French Immersion.
- (3) Replaces one member appointed by the La. Educational Television Authority with one member appointed by La. Public Broadcasting.
- (4) Replaces two members appointed by the council's Consortium of La. Colleges and Universities with the following:
 - (a) One member appointed by the council's Consortium of La. Colleges and Universities.
 - (b) One member appointed on a rotating basis by the presidents of the University of La. at Lafayette, McNeese State University, and Nicholls State University.

Present law provides for four members appointed by the La. Consortium for Immersion Schools. Proposed law retains present law and requires the appointment of two members from immersion schools east of the Atchafalaya River and two members from immersion schools west of the Atchafalaya River.

(Amends R.S. 25:652(A))