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SENATE BILL NO. 238

BY SENATOR BROOME

WOMEN. Provides relative to the governor's office on women's policy. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2521, 2525(B)(1), (C) and (D)(1) through (12), and to repeal
3 R.S. 46:2525(D)(13), and R.S. 49:210.1, relative to the organization of the executive
4 branch of state government; to provide relative to the governor's office on women's
5 policy; to provide relative to the Louisiana Women's Policy and Research
6 Commission; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 46:2521, 2525(B)(1), (C) and (D)(1) through (12) are hereby
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2521. Governor's office on women's policy

11 There is hereby created the office on women's policy within the office of the
12 governor. The office shall exercise the powers and duties hereinafter set forth or
13 otherwise provided by law. The office shall be administered by an executive director
14 who shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, to
15 serve at his pleasure. The executive director shall employ necessary staff to carry out
16 the duties and functions of the office as provided in this Chapter or as otherwise
17 provided by law. ~~The executive director shall coordinate the activities of the office~~

1 with the special assistant to the governor on women's policy.

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3 §2525. Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission

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5 B. The duties of the commission shall include but are not limited to the
6 following:

7 (1) Advising the governor, through the ~~special assistant to the governor on~~
8 **executive director of** women's policy, on the particular hardships, concerns, and
9 needs that challenge women in Louisiana and their possible solutions.

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11 C. The commission shall submit detailed annual reports to the governor,
12 through the ~~special assistant to the governor on~~ **executive director of** women's
13 policy, which address the issues set forth in Subsection B of this Section.

14 D. The commission shall consist of a maximum of twenty-~~six~~ **five** members.
15 The thirteen members serving pursuant to Paragraph (~~13~~**12**) of this Subsection shall
16 be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and serve terms
17 concurrent with the appointing governor. The commission shall be reflective of all
18 geographic regions of the state and, as much as possible, shall consist of the
19 following members:

20 ~~(1) The special assistant to the governor on women's policy.~~

21 ~~(2)~~ **(1)** The commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee.

22 ~~(3)~~ **(2)** The secretary of the Department of Social Services or the secretary's
23 designee.

24 ~~(4)~~ **(3)** The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or the
25 secretary's designee.

26 ~~(5)~~ **(4)** The superintendent of the Department of Education or the
27 superintendent's designee.

28 ~~(6)~~ **(5)** The secretary of the Department of Labor or the secretary's designee.

29 ~~(7)~~ **(6)** The executive director of the Office on Women's Policy or the executive

1 director's designee.

2 (~~87~~) The executive director of the Children's Cabinet or the executive
3 director's designee.

4 (~~98~~) Two members of the Women's Legislative Caucus.

5 (~~109~~) The commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee.

6 (~~110~~) The chairperson of the Women's Legislative Caucus or her designee.

7 (~~211~~) The secretary of the Department of Economic Development or the
8 secretary's designee.

9 (~~312~~) Thirteen Louisiana women who have significant academic or
10 professional expertise in one or more of the following areas:

11 (a) Business or industry.

12 (b) Economics.

13 (c) Education.

14 (d) Demographics.

15 (e) Public health.

16 (f) Law.

17 (g) Social science and/or social work.

18 (h) Violence against women.

19 (i) Gender studies.

20 (j) Youth organization focused solely on girls.

21 (k) Women's organization.

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23 Section 2. R.S. 46:2525(D)(13) and R.S. 49:210.1 are hereby repealed in their
24 entirety.

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

The original instrument was prepared by Bobbie Hunter. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Broome (SB 238)

Present law provides for the office on women's policy within the office of the governor. The office shall be administered by an executive director, who shall coordinate the activities of the office with the special assistant to the governor on women's policy.

Proposed law retains present law but deletes the special assistant to the governor on women's policy position.

Present law provides for the Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission, its duties and membership.

Proposed law retains present law but deletes the provision for the special assistant to the governor on women's policy, and reduces the membership of the commission from 26 to 25.

Present law provides that the special assistant to the governor on women's policy shall be a special assistant to the governor on women's policy, shall be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation and serve at his pleasure. The special assistant shall coordinate the powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, and focus of state agencies pertaining to the employment, education, health, safety, financial status, and welfare of women.

Proposed law deletes present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:2521, 2525(B)(1), (C) and (D)(1) through (12); repeals R.S. 46:2525(D)(13) and R.S. 49:210.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Technical Legislative Bureau amendments