

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 334

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

STATE AGENCIES. Provides for legislative members to the State Board of Commerce and Industry. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:923(B) and (C), 924(A), and 928, and to enact R.S. 51:924(C), relative to the State Board of Commerce and Industry; to provide for membership; to provide for terms of office; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 51:923(B) and (C), 924(A), and 928 are hereby amended and reenacted, and R.S. 51:924(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§923. Department of Economic Development; Board of Commerce and Industry;
membership

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B. The board shall consist of twenty members, ~~fifteen~~ **eleven** of whom shall be appointed by the governor from among representatives of the major economic groups within the state of Louisiana; one who shall be an elected municipal official appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Municipal Association; and one who shall be an elected police juror, councilman, commissioner, or parish president appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by the Police Jury Association.

1 C. In addition, the governor or his designee, the lieutenant governor or his
 2 designee, ~~and~~ the secretary of the Department of Economic Development or his
 3 designee, **the chair of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, the**
 4 **chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and**
 5 **International Affairs, the chair of the House of Representatives Committee on**
 6 **Ways and Means, and the chair of the House of Representatives Committee on**
 7 **Commerce** shall be ex officio members of the board with full right to participate in
 8 and vote on all matters.

9 §924. Method of appointment of board members; term of office; vacancies

10 A. The governor shall appoint the **appointed** members of the board. Each
 11 appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. The
 12 members, other than the governor ~~and~~ , lieutenant governor, **and the legislative**
 13 **members**, shall serve for terms of four years which shall be concurrent with the term
 14 of the governor making the appointments. The governor and lieutenant governor
 15 shall serve during the term of office of each. **The legislative members serve in their**
 16 **capacity as chair of their respective committees.** Each member shall continue to
 17 serve until his successor is appointed and takes office.

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19 **C. For the 2012-2016 term, in the event that the governor has appointed**
 20 **more than eleven members prior to the effective date of this Act, the appointed**
 21 **members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, until such time that only**
 22 **eleven gubernatorial appointed members remain on the board.**

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24 §928. Compensation of board members

25 ~~Members~~ **Appointed members** of the board shall serve without
 26 compensation.

27 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 28 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 29 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

Present law provides that 15 of the 20 members of the Board of Commerce and Industry be appointed by the governor.

Proposed law reduces the number of gubernatorial appointments from 15 to 11, and adds the chairs of the following legislative committees as members of the Board:

1. The chair of the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.
2. The chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs.
3. The chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means.
4. The chair of the House Committee on Commerce.

Proposed law provides that the legislative members serve on the board in their capacity as chair of their respective committees.

Proposed law provides that for the 2012-2016 term, in the event that the governor has appointed more than 11 members prior to the effective date of proposed law, the appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor, until such time that only 11 gubernatorial appointed members remain on the board.

Present law provides that members of the board serve without compensation.

Proposed law provides that appointed members of the board serve without compensation.

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

(Amends R.S. 51:923(B) and (C), 924(A), and 928; adds R.S. 51:924(C))