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Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 418

BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY SMITH

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(A), relative to the Board of Parole; to provide relative to the membership of the board; to provide for an ex officio, nonvoting member; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 15:574.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§574.2. Board of Parole; membership; qualifications; vacancies; compensation; domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels; powers and duties; transfer of property to board; representation of applicants before the board; prohibitions

A.(1) A board of parole, hereinafter referred to as "the board", is hereby created in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. <u>The board shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the governor and one ex officio member.</u> ~~It shall consist of~~ <u>Of the</u> seven members appointed by the governor, one ~~of whom~~ shall be the chairman of the board, and all ~~of whom~~ shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. One of the seven members shall be appointed from a list of at least three names submitted by Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

(2) Each member<u>, except for the ex officio member,</u> shall devote full time to the duties of his office and shall not engage in any other business or profession or hold any other public office.

(3) The chairman of the board shall receive an annual salary not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, the vice chairman shall receive an annual salary not to exceed forty-seven thousand dollars, and each of the other members of the board<u>, except for the ex officio member,</u> shall receive an annual salary not to exceed forty-four

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thousand dollars payable on his own warrant, and shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other expenses actually incurred in the discharge of his duties. The actual salaries, subject to the limits provided for in this Paragraph, shall be authorized by executive order of the governor.

(4) The warden, or in his absence the deputy warden, of the correctional facility in which the offender is incarcerated shall be an ex officio member of the board. When the offender is housed in a local correctional facility and the warden, or deputy warden, of that facility is not able to attend the offender's parole hearing, the warden, or in his absence the deputy warden, of the facility where the offender's parole hearing is held may serve as an ex officio member. The ex officio member shall not be a voting member nor shall he be counted or permitted to be counted for purposes of the number of members necessary to take board action or the number of members necessary to establish quorum. In all other respects, the ex officio member shall have all the duties, authority, requirements, and benefits of any other board member.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____

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