

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 972

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HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to appointment of members of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1871(A), relative to the membership of the Board of
3 Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges; to provide relative to
4 nominations for appointments by the governor; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:1871(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1871. Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges; establishment;
8 members; qualifications and terms; vacancies; duties

9 A.(1)(a) The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges
10 is created as a body corporate. The board shall be composed of fifteen members
11 appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate and of such appointments:

12 ~~(i) One member shall be appointed by the governor from among three~~
13 ~~persons nominated by the Louisiana AFL-CIO.~~

14 ~~(ii) One member shall be appointed by the governor from among three~~
15 ~~persons nominated by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.~~

16 ~~(iii) Two members shall be appointed by the governor from among six~~
17 ~~persons nominated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.~~

18 (b) In addition, the board shall have two student members who shall serve
19 one-year terms and shall be selected as provided in R.S. 17:1806.

1 (c) Of the members selected and appointed by the governor, there shall be
2 two members from each congressional district and the remaining member or
3 members from the state at large.

4 (2)(a) The term of each initial gubernatorial appointee to the Board of
5 Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall be assigned by the
6 appointing governor so that five of the initial appointments expire on July 1, 2001,
7 five of the initial appointments expire on July 1, 2003, and five of the initial
8 appointments expire on July 1, 2005. Thereafter, all gubernatorial appointees shall
9 serve terms of six years.

10 (b) At least three members appointed by the governor as a successor to the
11 initial appointees whose terms expire on July 1, 2005, and their successors shall have
12 significant experience in vocational education. At least two of the members
13 appointed by the governor as successors to the members whose terms expire on July
14 1, 2007, and at least two of their successors shall have significant experience in
15 vocational education. At least one of the members appointed by the governor as a
16 successor to the members whose terms expire on July 1, 2009, and at least one of
17 their successors shall have significant experience in vocational education.

18 (3) The board should be representative of the state's population by race and
19 gender to ensure diversity.

20 (4)(a) The governor shall make each appointment to a vacancy on the board
21 from nominations submitted to him by the nominating committee. The nominating
22 committee shall be composed of a representative of the Louisiana AFL-CIO selected
23 by the Louisiana AFL-CIO, a representative of the Louisiana Association of
24 Business and Industry selected by the association, and the presidents of Centenary
25 College of Louisiana, Dillard University at New Orleans, Louisiana College, Loyola
26 University at New Orleans, Our Lady of Holy Cross College at New Orleans, Our
27 Lady of the Lake College at Baton Rouge, Xavier University of Louisiana at New
28 Orleans, and Tulane University or the designee of any such president. The
29 nominating committee shall, within thirty days after a vacancy on the board occurs,

Present law (R.S. 17:1871) provides that of the 15 members appointed by the governor:

- (1) One member shall be appointed from among three persons nominated by the Louisiana AFL-CIO.
- (2) One member shall be appointed from among three persons nominated by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.
- (3) Two members shall be appointed from among six persons nominated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Proposed law removes these provisions of present law providing for appointments to be made from such nominations. Provides instead that the governor make each appointment to a board vacancy from nominations submitted to him by the nominating committee. Provides that the nominating committee shall be composed of a representative of the Louisiana AFL-CIO selected by the Louisiana AFL-CIO, a representative of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry selected by the association, and the presidents of Centenary College of Louisiana, Dillard University at New Orleans, Louisiana College, Loyola University at New Orleans, Our Lady of Holy Cross College at New Orleans, Our Lady of the Lake College at Baton Rouge, Xavier University of Louisiana at New Orleans, and Tulane University or the designee of any such president. Requires the nominating committee, within 30 days after a vacancy on the board occurs, to submit to the governor the names of no fewer than three different eligible nominees for each position or vacancy. Requires that the nominating committee give due consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including without limitation geography, gender, and race. Requires a majority vote of the membership of the nominating committee to nominate persons to positions on the board. Provides that if the governor fails to appoint within 30 days after the names are submitted to him, the nominee whose name is first on the list of nominees automatically shall become a member of the board. Provides that, if the nominating committee fails to submit nominees in the time required, the governor shall make the appointment to the board.

(Amends R.S. 17:1871(A))