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HOUSE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 9

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BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Requests the House and Senate governmental affairs committees to study the composition of the membership of boards and commissions

1 A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on  
3 Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to  
4 study the composition of the membership of boards and commissions and to report  
5 the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the  
6 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, there are several hundred boards and commissions in the state of  
8 Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, these boards and commissions perform many important and diverse  
10 functions which affect the lives of nearly all of the citizens of the state; and

11 WHEREAS, because the work of boards and commissions is so important and so  
12 pervasive, it is crucial that the membership of these bodies reflects the rich diversity of those  
13 citizens; and

14 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana recognized the importance of providing for  
15 membership on boards and commissions that reflects the population of the state when it  
16 enacted R.S. 42:2.1, which provides that in making appointments to any board, commission,  
17 council, authority, or other similar entity that has statewide jurisdiction and is established  
18 by law, rule, executive order, or otherwise, the appointing authority shall give due  
19 consideration to the demographics of the population of the state, including but not limited  
20 to geography, gender, and race; and

1           WHEREAS, it is not clear that membership on boards and commissions actually  
2 reflects the demographics of the population of the state.

3           THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on House  
4 and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs  
5 to meet and to function as a joint committee to study the composition of the membership of  
6 boards and commissions and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature  
7 prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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