

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 472

BY SENATOR MILLS

PUBLIC SFTY/CORRECT DEPT. Provides with respect to the Board of Pardons. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.1(A)(1)(c) and (G)(2), relative to the Board of Pardons;

3 to provide for minimum qualifications for board members; to provide for powers of

4 ex officio board members; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:572.1(A)(1)(c) and (G)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
7 read as follows:

8 §572.1. Board of Pardons; membership; domicile; session; quorum

9 A.(1)(a) \* \* \*

10 (c) All members, except for the ex officio member, shall have not less

11 than a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and shall

12 possess not less than five years actual experience in the field of penology,

13 corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine,

14 psychology, psychiatry, or a combination thereof. If a member does not have a

15 bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, he shall have no less

16 than seven years experience in a field listed in this Subsection. The provisions

17 of this Subparagraph shall not apply to any person serving as a member of the board

1 on August 1, 2012.

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3 G.(1) \* \* \*

4 (2) The ex officio member shall not be a voting member and shall not be  
5 counted or permitted to be counted for purposes of the number of members necessary  
6 to take board action or the number of members necessary to establish a quorum. ~~In~~  
7 ~~all other respects, the ex officio member shall have all the duties, authority, and~~  
8 ~~requirements of any other board member.~~

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

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#### DIGEST

##### Mills (SB 472)

Present law relative to the members of the Board of Pardons, requires each member, except the ex officio member, to possess not less than five years actual experience in the field of penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine, or a combination thereof.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the requirement of a bachelor's degree and the additional fields of psychology and psychiatry. Proposed law further provides that if a member does not have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, he is required to have no less than seven years experience in penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine, psychology, psychiatry, or a combination thereof.

Present law provides that the ex officio member shall not be a voting member and shall not 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 a quorum. In all other respects, the ex officio member shall have all the duties, authority, and requirements of any other board member.

Proposed law removes the provision providing that ex officio member has all the duties, authority, and requirements of any other board member.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 15:572.1(A)(1)(c) and (G)(2))