

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 52

BY SENATOR B. GAUTREAUX

PROBATION/PAROLE. Provides for changes in the qualifications needed to serve on the parole board. (1/9/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:574.2(A)(1), relative to the Board of Parole; to provide for
3 minimum qualifications of members; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

6 §574.2. Board of Parole; membership; qualifications; vacancies; compensation;
7 domicile; venue; meetings; quorum; panels; powers and duties;
8 transfer of property to board; representation of applicants before the
9 board; prohibitions

10 A.(1) A board of parole, hereinafter referred to as "the board," is hereby
11 created in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. It shall consist of seven
12 members appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be the chairman of the
13 board, and all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. **All members**
14 **shall possess not less than five years actual experience in the field of penology,**
15 **corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine,**
16 **or a combination thereof, or have served at least five years previously on the**
17 **board.** One of the seven members shall be appointed from a list of at least three

1 names submitted by Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc. Each appointment by
2 the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

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4 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective January 9, 2012.

The original instrument was prepared by Heyward Jeffers. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

DIGEST

B. Gautreaux (SB 52)

Present law creates a 7-member board of parole board appointed by the governor.

Proposed law requires that members of the parole board possess not less than five years experience in the field of penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, medicine, or a combination thereof.

Proposed law further provides that persons with five years service on the parole board would be qualified to serve on the board without regard to experience in the field of penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law, education, social work, or medicine.

Effective January 9, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 15:574.2(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill.

1. Changes effective date from August 15, 2010 to January 9, 2012.