

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; to provide for appointment of members; and  
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

1 **board, or have been employed by or have been a volunteer of, the Department**  
 2 **of Corrections in the last five years.** One of the seven members shall be appointed  
 3 from a list of at least three names submitted by Victims and Citizens Against Crime,  
 4 **Inc., and at least three names submitted by Crimefighters, LLC.** Each  
 5 appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

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

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

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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, or have previously served at least one full term on the board, or have been employed by or been a volunteer of the Dept. of Corrections in the last 5 years.

Present law provides that at least one member of the board be appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted by the Victims and Citizens Against Crime, Inc. Provides for confirmation by the Senate.

Proposed law retains present law and includes the submission of at least three names by Crimefighters, LLC.

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.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

- 1. Deletes, as a proposed alternate qualification for a board member, that the member have served at least 5 years service on the board.
- 2. Provides as alternate qualifications to experience in certain fields, that the board member have previously served at least one full term on the board, or

have been employed by or have been a volunteer of the Dept. of Corrections in the last 5 years.

3. Adds Crimefighters, LLC as a group that may submit a list of names to the governor for consideration of a board appointment.