

SENATE BILL NO. 238

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:2521, 2525(B)(1), (C) and (D)(1) through (12), and to repeal R.S. 46:2525(D)(13), and R.S. 49:210.1, relative to the organization of the executive branch of state government; to provide relative to the governor's office on women's policy; to provide relative to the Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:2521, 2525(B)(1), (C) and (D)(1) through (12) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2521. Governor's office on women's policy

There is hereby created the office on women's policy within the office of the governor. The office shall exercise the powers and duties hereinafter set forth or otherwise provided by law. The office shall be administered by an executive director who shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, to serve at his pleasure. The executive director shall employ necessary staff to carry out the duties and functions of the office as provided in this Chapter or as otherwise provided by law. ~~The executive director shall coordinate the activities of the office with the special assistant to the governor on women's policy.~~

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§2525. Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission

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B. The duties of the commission shall include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Advising the governor, through the ~~special assistant to the governor on~~ **executive director of** women's policy, on the particular hardships, concerns, and needs that challenge women in Louisiana and their possible solutions.

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1 C. The commission shall submit detailed annual reports to the governor,  
2 through the ~~special assistant to the governor on~~ **executive director of** women's  
3 policy, which address the issues set forth in Subsection B of this Section.

4 D. The commission shall consist of a maximum of twenty-~~six~~ **five** members.  
5 The thirteen members serving pursuant to Paragraph (~~13~~**12**) of this Subsection shall  
6 be appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and serve terms  
7 concurrent with the appointing governor. The commission shall be reflective of all  
8 geographic regions of the state and, as much as possible, shall consist of the  
9 following members:

10 (~~1~~) ~~The special assistant to the governor on women's policy.~~

11 (~~2~~**1**) The commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee.

12 (~~3~~**2**) The secretary of the Department of Social Services or the secretary's  
13 designee.

14 (~~4~~**3**) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or the  
15 secretary's designee.

16 (~~5~~**4**) The superintendent of the Department of Education or the  
17 superintendent's designee.

18 (~~6~~**5**) ~~The secretary of the Department of Labor or the secretary's~~ **executive**  
19 **director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or the executive director's**  
20 designee.

21 (~~7~~**6**) The executive director of the Office on Women's Policy or the executive  
22 director's designee.

23 (~~8~~**7**) The executive director of the Children's Cabinet or the executive director's  
24 designee.

25 (~~9~~**8**) Two members of the Women's Legislative Caucus.

26 (~~10~~**9**) The commissioner of higher education or the commissioner's designee.

27 (~~11~~**10**) The chairperson of the Women's Legislative Caucus or her designee.

28 (~~12~~**11**) The secretary of the Department of Economic Development or the  
29 secretary's designee.

30 (~~13~~**12**) Thirteen Louisiana women who have significant academic or professional

1 expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- 2 (a) Business or industry.
- 3 (b) Economics.
- 4 (c) Education.
- 5 (d) Demographics.
- 6 (e) Public health.
- 7 (f) Law.
- 8 (g) Social science and/or social work.
- 9 (h) Violence against women.
- 10 (i) Gender studies.
- 11 (j) Youth organization focused solely on girls.
- 12 (k) Women’s organization.

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14 Section 2. R.S. 46:2525(D)(13) and R.S. 49:210.1 are hereby repealed in their  
15 entirety.

16 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if  
17 not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without  
18 signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of  
19 Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this  
20 Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_