

House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
March 23, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman of the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative John M. Stefanski, chairman
Representative Gerald "Beau" Beaulieu, IV
Representative Daryl Andrew Deshotel
Representative Royce Duplessis, vice chairman
Representative Les Farnum
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Barry Ivey
Representative Sam L. Jenkins, Jr.
Representative Michael T. Johnson
Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Tanner D. Magee
Representative Polly Thomas
Representative Malinda B. White

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Wilford Dan Carter, Sr.
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Candace N. Newell

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Lowrey-Dufour, legislative analyst
Lorrienne Lucas, attorney
Rosalie Ammersbach, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

John Harrington, clerk
Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION**House Bill No. 411 by Representative Thomas**

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 411, which provides a minimum time period that an immediate family member of a school board member or superintendent must be employed by the school board prior to being promoted to an administrative position.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics/Ethics Administration Program, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 411.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 411 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 411 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 475 by Representative Thomas

Representative Thomas presented House Bill No. 475, which provides relative to the deadline for filing disclosures of the employment of an immediate family member of a school board member or school superintendent.

Representative Thomas offered a motion to report House Bill No. 475 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 475 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, Thomas, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 456 by Representative Nelson

Representative Nelson presented House Bill No. 456, which allows eligible legislators to elect to receive per diem payments pursuant to an IRS-compliant accountable plan rather than as compensation.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 456 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 456 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 166 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 166, a constitutional amendment that provides relative to the timing of gubernatorial action on a bill.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 166 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 166 was reported favorably by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 224 by Representative Gregory Miller

Representative Gregory Miller presented House Bill No. 224, which provides relative to meetings of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

Representative Stefanski offered amendments to add an effective date. Representative Stefanski offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, and Magee voted yea.

Scott Sternberg, Louisiana Press Association, 935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 324-1887, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 224.

Representative Lyons offered a motion to report House Bill No. 224 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 224 was reported with amendments by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, and Magee voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 202 by Representative Mike Johnson

House Bill No. 202 requires political committees to include specified information on the statement of organization.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to voluntarily defer action on House Bill No. 202. Without objection, action on House Bill No. 202 was voluntarily deferred by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, and Magee voted yea.

House Bill No. 208 by Representative Mike Johnson

Representative Mike Johnson presented House Bill No. 208, which changes the definition of political committee.

Representative Mike Johnson offered a motion to report House Bill No. 208 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 208 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, Lyons, and Magee voted yea.

Vice Chairman Duplessis in the chair.

House Bill No. 186 by Representative Stefanski

Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 186, which provides for the standard of knowledge of a false statement in the provisions relative to unethical election practices.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics/Ethics Administration Program, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 186.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 186 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 186 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 296 by Representative Stefanski

Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 296, which provides relative to the nominating committee and nominees for the Board of Ethics.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics/Ethics Administration Program, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 296.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 296 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 296 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Mike Johnson, Lyons, Magee, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 325 by Representative Stefanski

Representative Stefanski presented House Bill No. 325, which removes a provision terminating the authority of the State Bond Commission to hold periodic meetings via electronic means.

John Schroder, Department of Treasury, Louisiana State Capitol, 900 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-0016, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 325.

Lela Folsie, Department of Treasury and State Bond Commission, no address given, (225) 219-1134, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 325.

Representative Stefanski offered a motion to report House Bill No. 325 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 325 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Magee, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

House Bill No. 679 by Representative Duplessis

Representative Duplessis presented House Bill No. 679, which provides relative to certain statements required to be filed by elected officials.

Kathleen M. Allen, Louisiana Board of Ethics, P.O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, (225) 219-5600, spoke for information only on House Bill No. 679.

Representative Duplessis offered a motion to report House Bill No. 679 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 679 was reported favorably by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Stefanski, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Gadberry, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, and White voted yea.

House Bill No. 729 by Representative Duplessis

Representative Duplessis presented House Bill No. 729, which provides relative to photo identification of an arrested person.

Peter Robins-Brown, Louisiana Progress Action, 650 North Sixth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (504) 256-8196, spoke in support of House Bill No. 729.

Sherie Thomas, JAC, 11854 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 362-0433, spoke in support of House Bill No. 729.

Representative LaCombe in the chair.

Chairman Stefanski in the chair.

Chris Kaiser, ACLU of Louisiana, 1340 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, (512) 740-1317, spoke in support of House Bill No. 729.

Representative Magee in the chair.

Scott Sternberg, Louisiana Press Association, 935 Gravier Street, Suite 2020, New Orleans, LA 70112, (504) 324-1887, spoke in opposition to House Bill No. 729.

Representative Horton offered a motion to report House Bill No. 729 favorably, to which Representative Mike Johnson objected. The administrative assistant called the roll, and House Bill No. 729 was reported favorably by a vote of 11 yeas and 1 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, and White voted yea. Representative Mike Johnson voted nay.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 4 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Statements submitted in accordance with House Rule 14.33 in lieu of appearing before the committee are as follows: 1 in support. Copies of these statements are included in the committee records.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

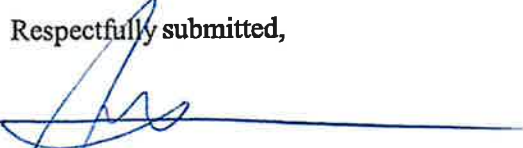
There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Deshotel offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Beaulieu, Deshotel, Duplessis, Farnum, Horton, Ivey, Jenkins, Mike Johnson, LaCombe, Lyons, Magee, and White voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman John M. Stefanski
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Date adopted: September 15, 2022