

Resolution 5

**LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BAR GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

SIZE OF DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the House of Delegates in 2005 created the standing Committee on Diversity; and

WHEREAS, the work of the committee has expanded considerably since its inception, requiring additional volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws current limit the size of the committee to the chair and 20 additional members, plus a number of ex-officio members; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws do not limit the size of most committees; and

WHEREAS, the Association would be better served by providing the President with the discretion to determine the appropriate size when he/she is making committee appointments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approve the proposed amendments to Article X, Section 1 (14) of the Bylaws, to eliminate the reference to the number of presidential appointments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approve additional amendments to that same section to clarify existing language and practices.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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BY-LAWS OF THE LOUISIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE X. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Creation

(14) *Committee on Diversity* - The mission of this committee is to assess the level of racial, ethnic, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and disability diversity within all components of the legal profession in Louisiana; to identify barriers to the attainment of full and meaningful representation and participation in the legal profession by persons of diverse backgrounds; and to propose programs and methods by which the LSBA can most effectively work to remove those barriers and achieve greater diversity. ~~The committee shall be comprised of a~~ In addition to the chairperson and ~~20 additional~~ members appointed by the President. ~~In addition,~~ the following persons shall serve as *ex-officio* members of the Committee: the deans of all four Louisiana law schools or their designees; the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana or his/her designee; a ~~member-designee~~ of the Louisiana Supreme Court, which individual shall either be a member of the Court or a lawyer member of the Court's staff; and one member each from the federal and state judiciary. To ensure the knowledge and understanding required for the success of this committee while also providing for sufficient turnover of committee members, a minimum of one-third and a maximum of two-thirds of the committee shall be reappointed each year.

(Added June 27, 2005; amended January 23, 2010)