

HB 1620 -- Members of State Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Councils

Sponsor: McNeil

By January 1, 2016, this bill requires the Governor when selecting appointees to state boards, commissions, committees, and councils to ensure if possible that the membership reflects the proportion that each gender and race represents in the population of the state as determined by the most recent federal decennial census. Ex-officio members cannot be counted for the purposes of this requirement.

The head of each Governor-appointed state board, commission, committee, or council must submit an electronic report on the racial and gender composition of its membership to the Secretary of State by January 1, 2013, and annually thereafter. The bill does not create any private right of action or prohibit an individual from completing his or her term of office.