

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 1220****2026 Regular Session****LaCombe**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Requires the La. St. Board of Medical Examiners (board) to video broadcast live all proceedings of any public meeting and make available on the board's website a recorded copy within 48 hours after the public meeting.
2. Requires the board to make all documents and meeting materials for all agenda items available online no more than two business days prior to any public meeting.
3. Requires the board to maintain contact information for all licensees subject to board's jurisdiction.
4. Directs the board to promulgate rules to provide that any license issued by the board be for a term of no less than two years.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that the board shall have 10 voting members who are all appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law requires that all members of the board, except the consumer member, be physicians.

Present law provides that a physician member of the board shall, at the time of appointment, be a resident of this state for six months.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the resident requirement from six months to five years.

Present law provides for one consumer member of the board.

Proposed law provides that the consumer member shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Proposed law prohibits a member from serving on the board if he is also a member of the governing body of a nominating organization, as provided by present law.

Proposed law requires the governor to ensure that his appointments to the board demonstrate diversity.

Proposed law requires the governor to provide a nominating organization notice of his intent to fill a vacancy on the board. Proposed law further requires the nominating organization to respond to the notice within 30 days and provide a list of nominees within 90 days. If the nominating agency fails to meet either deadline, the governor appoints a physician of his choosing.

Present law provides that the board shall hold at least one regular meeting each year.

Proposed law requires the board to hold at least five meetings each year.

Proposed law provides that the governor may select the president of the board from the members of the board, but if he does not select a president, the board shall select a president.

Proposed law requires the board to hire an executive director of the board who has administrative oversight of the board and its subdivisions. Proposed law further requires the executive director to participate in discussions related to investigations and discipline of licensees.

Present law requires the board to hire a director of investigations who is a La.-licensed physician and actively practices medicine.

Proposed law clarifies present law that the director of investigations must actively practice in this state.

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(Amends R.S. 37:1263(B)(1)-(7), (C)(1)(a) and (2)(b), and (D)(1), 1266, and 1270(A)(intro. para.) and (9); Adds R.S. 37:1263(C)(3), (D)(4) and (5) and 1270(A)(10))