

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 1220

2026 Regular Session

LaCombe

June 1, 2026

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 1220 by Representative LaCombe, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Pressly (#4401) be adopted.
- 2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Miller (#4580) be rejected.
- 3. That the following amendments to the Engrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 16 and 17 in their entirety and insert the following:

"(5) Two members who are physicians and who serve at the pleasure of the governor from a list submitted by the Louisiana Medical Association.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, line 1, change "president ,or" to president,or"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, line 10, change "perform" to "performs"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Jeremy S. LaCombe

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Senator Thomas A. Pressly

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Representative Dustin Miller

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Senator Gregory A. Miller

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Representative Neil Riser

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Senator Patrick McMath

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST**

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**Keyword and onliner of the instrument as it left the House**

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

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Require 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. Require 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. Direct the board to promulgate rules to provide that any license issued by the board be for a term of no less than two years.

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Required the board to maintain contact information for all licensees subject to the board's jurisdiction.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Remove the Louisiana Medical Association as an entity that provides a list names to the governor to appoint two members of the board.
2. Add two members to the board who are physicians and who serve at the pleasure of the governor.
3. Make technical changes.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

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.

Proposed law removes the Louisiana Medical Association as an entity that provides a list names for appointment of two members of the board. Proposed law further adds two members who are physicians and who serve at the pleasure of the governor.

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.

Proposed law 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.

Proposed law 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.

Proposed law requires the board to maintain contact information for all licensees subject to board's jurisdiction.

Proposed law 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.

(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) and (D)(4) and (5))