

SENATE BILL NO. 219

BY SENATOR FANNIN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To authorize and provide for hospital service district board membership in any parish with a population greater than sixteen thousand and less than seventeen thousand, according to the latest federal decennial census; to provide for board composition; to provide for minimum qualifications; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

**Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the governing authority of any parish with a population greater than sixteen thousand and less than seventeen thousand, according to the latest federal decennial census, shall have a hospital service district board governed by five commissioners, who shall be qualified voters and residents of the parish and shall possess the following qualifications: one commission member who shall possess financial expertise as the officer or owner of a bank or group of banks in the parish, one commission member who shall possess legal expertise as a licensed attorney in good standing in the parish who shall not be employed by the district attorney's office, one commission member who shall possess medical expertise and is a licensed practitioner at the hospital service district hospital in the parish, one commission member who shall possess business or accounting expertise and is a licensed certified public accountant or who holds a master's degree in business administration and practices in the parish, and one commission member who shall have managerial expertise and is employed by a manufacturer located in the parish of products made from pulp wood or other fibrous substances with more than two hundred employees. The commissioners shall be appointed by a majority vote of the police jury of the parish for six year terms.**

1            Section 2. The police jury of the parish shall ensure that all necessary  
2 appointments are made such that the commission members appointed pursuant to this  
3 Act shall assume their responsibilities on August 1, 2017.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_