

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 591

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BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2018.3(A) and (B)(1), (2), and (9), relative to the composition
3 of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission; to provide for appointments for members
4 to the commission; to provide for additional members to serve on the commission;
5 to provide a meeting location for the commission meetings to take place; to provide
6 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:2018.3(A) and (B)(1), (2), and (9) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §2018.3. Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission

11 A. There shall be established within the Louisiana Department of Health a
12 commission designated the "Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission", composed of
13 ~~eleven~~ sixteen members as provided in Subsection B of this Section.

14 B.(1) ~~Eight~~ Twelve members shall be appointed by the governor, subject to
15 Senate confirmation, ~~from a list submitted by each of the following organizations as~~
16 follows:

17 (a) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
18 Sickle Cell Center of Southern Louisiana, Tulane University School of Medicine.

19 (b) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by
20 Children's Hospital, New Orleans.

1 (c) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
2 Louisiana Primary Care Association.

3 (d) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
4 Sickle Cell Association of South Louisiana ~~The Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia~~
5 ~~Foundation, Inc.~~

6 (e) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
7 Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Technical Resource Foundation, Inc.

8 (f) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
9 Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter.

10 (g) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
11 Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria.

12 (h) ~~A representative~~ One member from a list of nominees submitted by the
13 Southwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc.

14 (i) Four members from a list of nominees submitted by the Louisiana
15 Department of Health; one of whom shall be a person diagnosed with sickle cell
16 disease, one of whom shall be a parent of a person diagnosed with sickle cell disease,
17 and two of whom shall be medical professionals who provide treatment and care to
18 patients diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

19 (2) ~~The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.~~
20 Two of the members shall be as follows:

21 (a) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

22 (b) The Medicaid director of the Louisiana Department of Health or his
23 designee.

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25 (9) The commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year. The
26 commission shall meet at locations that rotate throughout the state, as determined by
27 the chairman, to provide ease of travel for the members of the commission. ~~at the~~
28 Louisiana Department of Health headquarters in Baton Rouge.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 5 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 591 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Adds members who are submitted by different organizations to the La. Sickle Cell Commission who shall be appointed by the governor and provides for a meeting location for the commission to hold meetings.

Present law provides that the La. Sickle Cell Commission established within the La. Dept. of Health shall be composed of 11 members who are appointed by the governor.

Proposed law increases the number of members of the La. Sickle Cell Commission from 11 to 16.

Present law provides the commission shall be composed of 11 members:

- (1) A representative from the Sickle Cell Center of Southern La., Tulane University School of Medicine.
- (2) A representative from Children's Hospital, New Orleans.
- (3) A representative from the Baton Rouge Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Inc.
- (4) A representative from the Northeast La. Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Inc.
- (5) A representative from the Northeast La. Sickle Cell Anemia Technical Resource Foundation, Inc.
- (6) A representative from the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter.
- (7) A representative from the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria.
- (8) A representative from the Southwest La. Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc.

Proposed law deletes present law and provides that the La. Sickle Cell Commission shall be comprised of 12 members who will be appointed by the governor. Those members shall include:

- (1) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Sickle Cell Center of Southern La.
- (2) One member form a list of nominees submitted by Children's Hospital, New Orleans.

- (3) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the La. Primary Care Association.
- (4) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Sickle Cell Foundation of South La.
- (5) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Northeast La. Sickle Cell Anemia Technical Resource Foundation, Inc.
- (6) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest La. Chapter.
- (7) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria.
- (8) One member from a list of nominees submitted by the Southwest La. Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc.
- (9) Four members from a list of nominees submitted by the La. Dept. of Health; one of whom shall be a person diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, one of whom shall be a parent of a person diagnosed with sickle cell anemia, and two of whom shall be a medical professional who provides treatment and care to patients diagnosed with sickle cell anemia.

Present law provides that the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health or his designee shall be members of the commission.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that two members from the La. Dept. of Health shall serve on the commission. Further provides that those two members shall be the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health or his designee and the Medicaid director of the La. Dept. of Health or his designee.

Present law provides that the commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year at the La. Dept. of Health headquarters in Baton Rouge, La.

Proposed law revises present law and adds the commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year and the meeting locations shall rotate throughout the state, to be determined by the chairman of the commission, to provide ease of travel for the members of the commission.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:2018.3(A) and (B), (1), (2), and (9))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Clarifies that two members of the La. Dept. of Health shall serve on the commission. Those members shall be the secretary of the La. Dept. of Health or his designee and the Medicaid director or his designee.