

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 591****2020 Regular Session****Larvadain**

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

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Changes the number of members to serve on the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission from sixteen to seventeen.
2. Changes the number of members appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, from twelve to thirteen.
3. Changes the number of members selected from a list of nominees submitted by the Louisiana Department of Health from four to five.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

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 17.

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 13 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 from 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) Five 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))