

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

DISTRICTS/HOSPITAL SERVC: Provides relative to the governing commission of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1053(BB) and to repeal Act No. 171 of the 2017 Regular  
3 Session, relative to the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District; to provide relative  
4 to the governing commission of the district; to provide for qualifications of members  
5 of the governing commission; to provide for appointment of the commission  
6 members; to repeal laws relative to governance of a hospital service district in any  
7 parish with a population greater than sixteen thousand and less than seventeen  
8 thousand according to the latest federal decennial census; to provide for an effective  
9 date; and to provide for related matters.

10 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
11 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
12 Louisiana.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

14 Section 1. R.S. 46:1053(BB) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

15 §1053. Commission; qualification of members; appointment; vacancies;  
16 compensation; removal of commissioners; certain powers

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18 BB.(1) In the parish of Jackson, the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District  
19 shall be governed by a commission composed of ~~seven~~ five members who possess  
20 the qualifications provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection. ~~The additional~~

1 ~~members provided for by this Subsection shall be appointed by the police jury for~~  
2 ~~initial terms of six years each and their successors shall serve six-year terms. The~~  
3 ~~commission members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the police jury of the~~  
4 ~~parish for six-year terms.~~

5 (2) The commission members shall be qualified voters and residents of  
6 Jackson Parish and shall possess the following qualifications:

7 (a) One commission member shall possess financial expertise and be an  
8 officer or owner of a bank or group of banks in the parish.

9 (b) One commission member shall possess legal expertise and be a licensed  
10 attorney in good standing in the parish who is not employed by the district attorney's  
11 office.

12 (c) One commission member shall possess medical expertise and be a  
13 licensed healthcare professional who practices at the hospital service district hospital  
14 in the parish.

15 (d) One commission member shall possess business or accounting expertise,  
16 practice his profession in the parish, and be a licensed certified public accountant or  
17 hold a master's degree in business administration.

18 (e) One commission member shall possess managerial expertise and be  
19 employed by a manufacturer located in the parish which has more than two hundred  
20 employees and manufactures products made from pulp wood or other fibrous  
21 materials.

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23 Section 2. Act No. 171 of the 2017 Regular Session is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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

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DIGEST

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HB 235 Original

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**Abstract:** Provides for the number and qualifications of members of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District governing commission.

Present law provides that the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District shall be governed by a commission composed of seven members.

Proposed law revises present law to change the number of commission members from seven to five. Provides that the members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the police jury of the parish for six-year terms.

Proposed law establishes that the commission members shall be qualified voters and residents of Jackson Parish and shall possess the following qualifications:

- (1) One commission member shall possess financial expertise and be an officer or owner of a bank or group of banks in the parish.
- (2) One commission member shall possess legal expertise and be a licensed attorney in good standing in the parish who is not employed by the district attorney's office.
- (3) One commission member shall possess medical expertise and be a licensed healthcare professional who practices at the hospital service district hospital in the parish.
- (4) One commission member shall possess business or accounting expertise, practice his profession in the parish, and be a licensed certified public accountant or hold a master's degree in business administration.
- (5) One commission member shall possess managerial expertise and be employed by a manufacturer located in the parish which has more than 200 employees and manufactures products made from pulp wood or other fibrous materials.

Proposed law repeals present law providing relative to the governance of a hospital service district in any parish with a population greater than 16,000 and less than 17,000 according to the latest federal decennial census.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:1053(BB); Repeals Act No. 171 of the 2017 R.S.)