

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND AND SENATOR MORRIS

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 of the Legislature, relative to the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District;
4 to provide relative to the governing commission of the district; to provide for
5 qualifications of members of the governing commission; to provide for appointment
6 of the commission members; to repeal laws relative to governance of a hospital
7 service district in any parish with a population greater than sixteen thousand and less
8 than seventeen thousand according to the latest federal decennial census; to provide
9 for an effective 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~~
21 ~~members provided for by this Subsection shall be appointed by the police jury for~~
22 ~~initial terms of six years each and their successors shall serve six-year terms.~~ The
23 commission members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the police jury of the
24 parish for six-year terms.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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18 repealed in its entirety.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____