

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law creates and provides for the La. State Board of Optometry Examiners, referred to hereafter as the "board", within the La. Dept. of Health. Provides that the board shall be comprised of five licensed optometrists who have each practiced optometry in this state for seven years and one consumer member. New law retains existing law and requires that the optometrist members of the board must be actively licensed and in good standing with the board.

Existing law provides that each licensed optometrist member of the board shall be appointed by the governor from a list of three names submitted to him by the board. New law revises existing law to create five board districts with one licensed optometrist member representing each district.

Existing law establishes that the term of each member shall be five years. New law retains existing law and provides that no person shall be appointed to serve more than three full terms, whether the service is consecutive or not. New law stipulates, however, that it shall only apply to any term of a board member that began on or after Jan. 1, 2016, and shall not prohibit any current board members who have served more than three full terms from continuing to serve for the remainder of their term or until a successor is appointed.

New law provides that no member of the board shall hold an elected or appointed position in an optometry professional association at any time during his term on the board. Provides, however, that new law shall not prohibit a member of the board from holding an elected or appointed position in an association for optometry regulatory boards.

New law revises existing law to change the number of members constituting a quorum of the board from three to four.

New law revises existing law to provide that in addition to U.S. citizens, persons with valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the U.S. may qualify to apply for licensure from the board as optometrists.

New law repeals prior law relative to recording of certain certificates and issuance of lists of licensed optometrists.

Effective June 10, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:1042(A), (B), (C)(1)(intro para), and (D), 1045(A), and 1049(1); repeals R.S. 37:1055 and 1060)