

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 321 (HB 235)

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McFarland

Existing law authorizes parish governing authorities to create hospital service districts. Provides generally that such a district is governed by a five-member board of commissioners. Provides that commissioners are appointed by the parish governing authority and requires that they be qualified voters and residents of the district.

Prior law provided that the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District was governed by a seven-member board of commissioners. New law provides that the district is governed by a five-member board of commissioners.

New law requires that the members of the board of commissioners of the Jackson Parish Hospital District meet certain qualifications as follows:

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

New law repeals prior law that provided relative to the governance of a hospital service district in any parish with a population between 16,000 and 17,000. Prior law provided similarly to new law regarding qualifications of commissioners.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 10, 2022).

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