
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the board of commissioners and the executive director of the Orleans Parish Communications District.

Present law creates the Orleans Parish Communications District to operate 911 emergency service in the district. Provides that the district is governed by a board of commissioners.

Present law, retained by proposed law, includes the following among the members of the board of commissioners:

- (1) The Troop B commander of the La. State Police.
- (2) The commandant of the La. Army National Guard (Jackson Barracks Unit).
- (3) The superintendent of the New Orleans Police Department.
- (4) The superintendent of the New Orleans Fire Department.
- (5) The director of the New Orleans Health Department.
- (6) The director of the Office of Civil Defense for the City of New Orleans.

Proposed law removes from the board assistant secretary of the Office of Charity Hospital in New Orleans and two members appointed by the mayor if needed to assure minority representation.

Proposed law adds to the board four members appointed by the president of the city council with the advice and consent of the council, the speaker of the La. House of Representatives and the president of the La. Senate.

Present law authorizes the commission to employ employees, experts, and consultants as it deems necessary to assist the commission in the discharge of its responsibilities to the extent that funds are made available.

Proposed law provides that the appointment of an executive director is subject to city council confirmation.

(Amends Act No. 155 of 1982 R.S., §4(A) and (D))