

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 575****2024 Regular Session****Hughes**

DISTRICTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Provides relative to the membership of the Orleans Parish Communications District

Synopsis of Senate Amendments
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add the director of Orleans Parish Emergency Medical Services to the district's board.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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 commandant of the La. Army National Guard (Jackson Barracks Unit).
- (2) The superintendent of the New Orleans Police Dept.
- (3) The superintendent of the New Orleans Fire Dept.
- (4) The director of the New Orleans Health Dept.
- (5) The director of the Office of Civil Defense for the City of New Orleans.

Proposed law replaces the Troop B commander of the La. State Police with the superintendent of state police.

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.

Present law authorizes each ex officio member to appoint and designate a person to serve in his stead.

Proposed law adds to the board: the director of Orleans Parish Emergency Medical Services; 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))