

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 575

2024 Regular Session

Hughes

May 30, 2024

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 575 by Representative Hughes, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Bouie (#3992) be rejected.
2. That the following amendments to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "Section 4(A)" delete "and (D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "commissioners;" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 5, delete "director;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "Section 4(A)" delete "and (D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, delete lines 6 through 15 and insert the following:

~~"the Director of the Office of Civil Defense for the City of New Orleans, the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Charity Hospital in New Orleans, and two at large members to be appointed by the mayor if needed to assure minority representation.~~

(f) Two members of the Louisiana House of Representatives who are members of the Orleans Delegation appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(g) One member of the Louisiana Senate who is a member of the Orleans Delegation appointed by the President of the Senate.

(h) The director of the New Orleans Emergency Medical Services Department.

(i) Two at large members to be appointed by the president of the New Orleans City Council with the advice and consent of the council. The appointees shall not be employees of or contractors for the city of New Orleans or the Orleans Parish Communication District.

(j) The director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the city of New Orleans.

(k) The chief executive officer of University Medical Center of New Orleans.

(l) A representative of the Orleans Parish Medical Society appointed by the governing authority of the society.

(3) Each member except those appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (2)(f), (g), (i), and (l)

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 27 through 29 and delete page 3

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Joseph Bouie Jr.

Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry

Senator Royce Duplessis

Representative Kyle M. Green, Jr.

Senator Jimmy Harris

DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

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

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Add the director of New Orleans Emergency Medical Services to the district's board.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Make additional changes to board membership.
2. Remove proposed law requiring city council confirmation of the person appointed as the executive director of the communication district.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

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.

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

Proposed law removes the following from the board; the director of the Office of Civil Defense for the City of New Orleans, the 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 the following to the board:

- (1) Two members of the La. House of Representatives who are members of the Orleans Delegation appointed by the speaker.
- (2) One member of the La. Senate who is a member of the Orleans Delegation appointed by the president.

- (3) The director of the New Orleans Emergency Medical Services Dept.
- (4) Two at large members appointed by the president of the New Orleans City Council with the advice and consent of the council. Proposed law provides that the appointees shall not be employees of or contractors for the city or the district.
- (5) The director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the city of New Orleans.
- (6) The chief executive officer of University Medical Center of New Orleans.
- (7) A representative of the Orleans Parish Medical Society appointed by the governing authority of the society.

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

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