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Present law (R.S. 46:1051) provides that the police juries of parishes are authorized and empowered, upon their own initiative, to form and create one or more hospital service districts within the respective parishes, or with agreement among police juries concerned, to combine two or more parishes into a single hospital service district with such names as the police juries may designate, and in so doing, police juries may create hospital service districts whose boundaries overlap those of other hospital service districts.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the police juries are further authorized and empowered, upon their own initiative, to alter the boundaries of any hospital service district, provided that no such boundary change shall cause an impairment of the obligations of any contract of the hospital service district.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the creation of overlapping hospital service districts or the alteration of the boundaries of any hospital service district prior to July 31, 1968, are expressly validated, ratified and confirmed.

Proposed law retains present law.
Proposed law provides that notwithstanding the provisions of present law, the governing authorities of Lafourche Parish and Terrebone Parish shall not abolish or alter the boundaries of a hospital service district within their jurisdiction unless the abolition or alteration is approved by two-thirds of the full membership of the board of commissioners of the district and approved by a majority of the voters of the district voting at an election held for the purpose of authorizing such abolition or alteration in accordance with the La. Election Code.

Proposed law provides that the parish governing authority or the board of commissioners may call an election for such purpose after the board of commissioners has voted for such approval as provided in present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 46:1051(F) and (G))