
DIGEST

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HB No. 736

Abstract: Changes the composition of the La. Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C.

Present law establishes the "La. Commission on HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis C" and provides for the membership of the commission.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the composition of the board to decrease the amount of members from 44 to 34, as follows:

- (1) 21 members shall serve at the governor's pleasure and shall be appointed by the governor as follows:
 - (a) 2 persons infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), at least one of whom represents a racial or ethnic subpopulation.
 - (b) 2 persons infected with hepatitis C, where one person is co-infected with HIV, and at least one of whom represents a racial or ethnic subpopulation.
 - (c) 2 representatives from community-based provider organizations providing services to persons infected with HIV, one of which represents a racial or ethnic subpopulation.
 - (d) 2 medically qualified representatives from a medical provider or community-based provider organizations providing services to persons infected with hepatitis C or HIV, one of which represents a racial or ethnic subpopulation.
 - (e) A representative from the La. Primary Care Association.
 - (f) 2 representatives from the statewide HIV Community Planning Group.
 - (g) A nurse representative from the La. Nursing Association, serving patients with HIV or hepatitis C.
 - (h) A social worker representative from the La. Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.
 - (i) 5 Ryan White Treatment and Modernization Act grantees consisting of at least one Part A grantee, one Part B grantee, one Part C grantee, one Part D grantee,

and a representative of the Delta Region AIDS and Education Training Center.

- (j) A representative from the La. Psychological Association.
 - (k) A representative from the La. faith-based community.
 - (l) A representative from a dental provider serving patients with HIV or hepatitis C.
- (2) 11 members shall be appointed by the governor by virtue of their position as follows:
- (a) The superintendent of the Dept. of Education or his designee.
 - (b) The secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee.
 - (c) 4 representatives from the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, who have knowledge of policies related to HIV, AIDS, and hepatitis C, and who work in the office of public health, office of behavioral health, and the office of health services financing, respectively.
 - (d) The commissioner of the Dept. of Insurance or his designee.
 - (e) The dean of the LSU School of Medicine or his designee who has an affiliation with the Infectious Disease Department.
 - (f) The dean of the Tulane University School of Medicine or his designee who has an affiliation with the Infectious Disease Department.
 - (g) The dean of one of the Colleges of Pharmacy in La. or his designee who has an affiliation with the HIV/AIDS or hepatitis C practice.
 - (h) A member of the La. Hospital Association.
- (3) 2 members shall be appointed as follows:
- (a) A member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.
 - (b) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

Proposed law changes the termination date of present law from Sept. 1, 2014 to Sept. 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 40:2018.1(A), (B), and (G))