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SB 429 Reengrossed

2016 Regular Session

Barrow

Present law establishes the La. State Board of Medical Examiners composed of the following seven voting members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate:

- (1) Four members from a list of names submitted by the La. State Medical Society. One of the members from a parish or municipality with less than 20,000 people.
- (2) Two members submitted by the La. Medical Association.
- (3) One member submitted from the La. Academy of Family Practice Physicians.

Present law requires all voting members of the board to be graduate physicians or surgeons and practitioners.

Present law provides for the mechanism to fill vacancies and for removal of members and for terms of appointment.

Proposed law changes the board membership to include the following seven voting members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate:

- (1) Two members from a list of names submitted by the La. State Medical Society. One of the members from a parish or municipality with less than 20,000 people.
- (2) One member from a list of names submitted by the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans and the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.
- (3) One member from a list of names submitted by the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.
- (5) Two members submitted by the La. Medical Association.
- (6) One member submitted from the La. Academy of Family Practice Physicians.

Proposed law provides the following specific qualifications for physicians to be eligible for appointment:

- (1) Be a resident of this state for not less than six months.
- (2) Be currently licensed and in good standing to engage in the practice of medicine in this state.
- (3) Be actively engaged in the practice of medicine in this state.
- (4) Have five years of experience in the practice of medicine in this state after licensure.
- (5) Have not been convicted of a felony.
- (6) Have not been placed on probation by the board.

Proposed law provides for the procedure for appointment, filling of vacancies, removal, and duration of terms.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 37:1263; repeals R.S. 37:1264 and 1265)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Changes board membership from seventeen members based on physician districts to seven members to include one from each of the six congressional districts based on the 2010 federal decennial census and one consumer representative.
2. Establishes a phase-in implementation to membership by congressional district to replace existing board members as their current terms expire.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the reengrossed bill:

1. Delete proposed law relative to the board comprising one member from each of the six congressional districts and one consumer representative.
2. Decrease the number of members appointed by the La. State Medical Society from four to two.
3. Require a member to be appointed from names submitted by the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans and the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.
4. Require a member to be appointed from names submitted by the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.
5. Decrease the term of board membership to the present law term of four years.
6. Make technical changes.