

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 429

2016 Regular Session

Barrow

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Provides for the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. (8/1/16)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Deletes provisions that the board be comprised of one member from each of the six congressional districts and one consumer representative.
2. Decreases the number of members appointed by the La. State Medical Society from four to two.
3. Requires 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. Requires a member to be appointed from names submitted by the Tulane Medical School.
5. Decreases the term of board membership to the present law term of four years.
6. Make technical changes.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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

Proposed law changes the board membership, beginning January 1, 2017, 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 Medical School.

- (5) Two members submitted by the La. Medical Association.
- (6) 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. Proposed law specifically removes this provision and provides the following specific qualifications for physicians to be eligible for appointment to the board:

- (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 that board vacancies be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Effective August 1, 2016.

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

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