

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

**HB 1161**

**2016 Regular Session**

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NURSES: Provides relative to the composition of the La. State Board of Nursing

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Deletes all provisions of proposed law relative to qualifications of the nurse members of the La. State Board of Nursing (hereafter "the board").
2. Requires that the following qualifications originally required by proposed law exclusively for non-nurse members of the board instead apply to each non-nurse and nurse member of the board uniformly:
  - (a) Is a citizen of the United States and has been a resident of La. for at least one year immediately prior to appointment.
  - (b) Has attained the age of majority.
  - (c) Has never been convicted of a felony.
3. Requires that one member of the board shall be a person appointed by the governor who represents a private, proprietary, community technical college that has a nursing program.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that the La. State Board of Nursing, referred to hereafter as "the board", shall be composed of eight registered nurses appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the La. State Nurses Association, one certified registered nurse anesthetist appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the La. Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Ltd., and two physicians appointed by the governor from a list of names submitted by the La. State Medical Society who shall serve as ex officio members of the board and shall serve only as advisors and shall not vote.

Proposed law revises the composition of the board provided in present law to remove the two nonvoting physician members and add in lieu thereof two members who are representatives of the consumers of the state at-large appointed by the governor, neither of whom shall be a nurse, and both of whom shall be voting members.

Proposed law deletes present law requiring that each member of the board shall possess all of the following qualifications:

- (1) Holds a current, unencumbered, unrestricted, La. license to practice as a registered nurse.
- (2) Has had three years experience in respective field of practice.
- (3) Is actively engaged in the practice of nursing as a registered nurse at time of appointment.

Proposed law deletes present law requiring that at least two members of the board shall have a minimum of a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Proposed law requires that each member of the board possess all of the following

qualifications:

- (1) Is a citizen of the United States and has been a resident of La. for at least one year immediately prior to appointment.
- (2) Has attained the age of majority.
- (3) Has never been convicted of a felony.

Present law provides that the board shall be composed, in part, of three members who are in areas of nursing practice other than nursing service administration or nursing education and one advanced practice registered nurse. Proposed law revises present law to provide that the board shall be composed, in part, of three members who are in areas of nursing practice other than nursing service administration or nursing education, one of whom shall be an advanced practice registered nurse; one certified registered nurse anesthetist; and one member who represents a private, proprietary, community technical college that has a nursing program.

Present law requires the board to establish reasonable fees for issuance and renewal of licenses and permits, and provides that such fees shall not exceed \$100. Proposed law retains present law and stipulates that such fees shall not exceed \$100 per calendar year.

(Amends R.S. 37:914(B)(1), 916, 917, and 927(A))