

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 584 (SB 429)**

**2016 Regular Session**

**Barrow**

Prior law established 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.

Prior law provided for the mechanism to fill vacancies and for removal of members and for terms of appointment.

New 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.
- (4) Two members submitted by the La. Medical Association.
- (5) One member submitted from the La. Academy of Family Practice Physicians.

Prior law required all voting members of the board to be graduate physicians or surgeons and practitioners. New 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.

New 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)