

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 221 (SB 32)

2018 Regular Session

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Prior law, relative to St. Tammany Hospital Service District No. 2 ("district") provided that the state senator representing the majority of Wards 6, 7, 8, and 9 of St. Tammany Parish shall receive initial appointments to the nominating committee and call the first meeting of the committee.

New law retains prior law and expands the responsibilities of the state senator to include ensuring the proper appointment of all members of the nominating committee and appointing authority, calling and providing proper notice of all meetings of the nominating committee and the appointing authority, and maintaining all appropriate documentation of the nominating committee and the appointing authority.

Prior law provided for membership criteria for the nominating committee and appointing authority.

New law retains prior law and clarifies that appointees representing certain cities shall reside in the city limits of the city in which they represent and appointees representing the parish shall reside within the geographical boundaries of the district.

Prior law required an individual serving on the nominating committee who is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association to be in good standing and also be a member of the Health Law Section. New law removes the requirement that the individual must be a member of the Health Law Section.

Prior law did not include a provision for term limits for appointing authority members.

New law establishes term limits of three years with staggering terms determined by lot at the first meeting of the appointing authority for nonelected officials. Elected officials serving on the appointing authority shall serve for a term commensurate with their term in office. New law changes the month of term effectiveness from July to January. New law clarifies that term limits apply to board members appointed by recommendation of the nominating committee and the medical staff.

Prior law required board members from Slidell Memorial Hospital to be medical staff registered to vote in and residents and domiciliaries of St. Tammany Parish.

New law removes the requirement that board members from Slidell Memorial Hospital be medical staff registered to vote in and residents and domiciliaries of St. Tammany Parish and establishes the sole requirement that the medical staff board member must be active members of the medical staff of Slidell Memorial Hospital.

New law allows licensed physicians who are nominated, appointed, currently serving on, or formerly served on the board of commissioners to contract, subcontract, own an interest in an entity that contracts, or accept employment with Slidell Memorial Hospital, if the contract is related to the physician's practice of medicine or expertise as a physician. He shall recuse himself from any board action as it relates to such contracts, subcontracts, or ownership interest. He shall disclose all contracts to the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Prior law provided for a per diem of \$75 for each meeting attended and a maximum of three meetings per month, which can be exceeded in the event of an emergency.

New law increases the per diem to \$100 per meeting attended and increases the maximum number of meetings that can be held to seven per month, which can be exceeded in an emergency.

New law provides that the chairman of the commission may receive a per diem for as many as ten meetings per month, which can be exceeded in an emergency.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends Section 2.1(B), (C)(3), (G)(1), (2), and (3), and (J)(1) and adds Section 2.1(C)(4), all as enacted by Act 562 of 2003 R.S., as amended by Act 1214 of 2003 R.S., Act 682 of 2004 R.S., Act 178 of 2007 R.S., and Act 141 of 2011 R.S.)