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Present law creates, by special uncodified acts of the legislature, the two hospital service districts in St. Tammany Parish, termed the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 and the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, as the successors to the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District.

Proposed law incorporates the provisions of the uncodified acts relating to the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 in Title 46 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950.

Present law provides that St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 shall be comprised of all territory within Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 of the parish and shall own and operate the St. Tammany Parish Hospital. St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 shall be comprised of all territory within Wards 6, 7, 8, and 9 of the parish and shall own and operate the Slidell Memorial Hospital.

Present law requires that both hospital districts have a governing board of commissioners, St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 having eight commissioners and St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 having nine.

Present law provides for each hospital district to have powers, duties, and responsibilities for the carrying out of its objects and purposes. Present law further provides for each hospital district commission officers and their chief executive officer to have certain powers, duties and responsibilities.

Present law provides for each hospital district to appoint a medical staff who shall have certain duties and responsibilities.

Present law provides for each hospital district to levy and collect a special tax annually not to exceed five mills on all property in the districts for the purpose of providing revenue to carry out the object of each district. Furthermore, present law provides that each hospital district has the power to issue bonds for the purpose constructing, acquiring, extending and improving health care facilities of the district pursuant to the Louisiana Constitution.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires the nominating committee to insure that any potential nominee for the board of commissioners of St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 does not have a conflict of interest under the rules of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics.

Proposed law provides for the nominating committee of St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 to make every reasonable effort to include a business executive with at least an MBA or equivalent degree and five years of experience in operating a large business corporation or large non-profit corporation, in its nomination.

Proposed law requires the nominating committee and the appointing authority of St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 to conduct their meeting and fulfill their duties by December 15th of each year.

Proposed law provides that the board of St. Tammany Parish Hospital District No. 2 may appoint a former member of the board of commissioners to serve as a non-voting "Commissioner Emeritus" to advise and provide historical perspective to the board when requested to do so by the chairman of the board.

Provides that the provisions of this Act shall supercede and control any conflicting provisions of any special Act of the Legislature creating the St. Tammany Hospital Service District No. 2.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Adds R.S. 46:1098.1-1098.12)