

SENATE BILL NO. 184

BY SENATOR HEWITT

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1098.5(B)(6) and (C), 1098.6(B)(1)(a), and 1098.7(21) and (23), relative to the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2; to provide for the appointment of members to the nominating committee for the board of commissioners; to provide relative to terms of the board of commissioners; to provide relative to meetings; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:1098.5(B)(6) and (C), 1098.6(B)(1)(a), and 1098.7(21) and (23) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1098.5. Appointing authority

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B. The appointing authority shall be composed of seven members as follows:

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(6) ~~Two appointees of the~~ **The** state senator and the state representative in whose district Slidell Memorial Hospital resides, **or their designees.**

C. The state senator shall be responsible for ensuring the proper appointment of all members of the ~~nominating committee~~ **appointing authority** pursuant to this Section, calling and providing proper notice of all meetings of the ~~nominating committee~~ **appointing authority**, and maintaining all appropriate documentation of

1 the nominating committee appointing authority. The nominating committee shall  
2 select annually a chairman to conduct meetings of the committee. The state senator  
3 shall serve as the chairperson of the appointing authority.

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5 §1098.6. Qualifications of board of commissioners

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7 B.(1)

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8 (a) No member of the board, whether appointed by recommendation of the  
9 nominating committee or the medical staff, shall serve more than three consecutive  
10 terms. One term shall consist of four years, with the exception of Subparagraphs  
11 (b) and (c) of this Paragraph.

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13 §1098.7. Rights, powers, and duties of board of commissioners

14 The district acting by and through its board shall have and exercise all rights,  
15 powers, and duties for the carrying out of its objects and purposes including but not  
16 limited to the following:

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18 (21) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, to annually  
19 appoint, if desired, a former member of the board to serve as a nonvoting  
20 "Commissioner Emeritus" to advise and provide historical perspective to the board  
21 when requested by the chairman. Such person shall be paid a per diem equal to that  
22 paid to other board members for attendance at the meeting together with reasonable  
23 expenses to attend any event attended by the board of commissioners. The  
24 "Commissioner Emeritus" may not serve longer than one year.

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26 (23) To hold regular meetings at least monthly and as often as necessary for  
27 the conduct of its business. Special meetings may be called upon ~~with~~ at least  
28 forty-eight hour notice by the chairperson, or in his absence, by the vice chairperson,  
29 or upon the written authorization of a majority of the members of the board.  
30 Emergency meetings, providing notice of at least twenty-four hours, may be called

1 by the chairperson, or in his absence, by the vice chairperson, or by any three  
2 members of the board.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_