

SENATE BILL NO. 349

BY SENATOR CARTER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:753(C)(1)(a) and (E) and to repeal R.S. 37:753(C)(1)(c) and
3 (K), relative to the membership of Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; to provide for
4 terms of service; to provide for term limits; to provide for the filling of vacancies;
5 to repeal outdated provisions; to provide for the terms of members currently serving
6 partial terms; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:753(C)(1)(a) and (E) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §753. Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; appointment of members; term of office;
11 vacancies; nominating meetings; quorum; domicile

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13 C. Each member of the board shall be appointed by the governor as follows:

14 (1)(a) One dentist shall be appointed from each board district, except that two
15 dentists shall be appointed from District Five and designated as representatives "A"
16 and "B". ~~Should the terms of representatives "A" and "B" expire on the same date,~~
17 ~~the term of either board member who has served for the least amount of time shall~~
18 ~~be extended for two years.~~ Each such appointment from an electoral district shall be
19 made from a list of three names of nominees for the respective district submitted to

1 the governor by the board. The district nominees shall be selected from the roster of
 2 licensed dentists in the districts at a nominating meeting convened in accordance
 3 with the provisions of Subsection F of this Section. The voting domicile of each
 4 nominee for appointment and not his office address shall determine his district for
 5 purposes of holding office in accordance with the provisions of this Paragraph. The
 6 nominating meeting shall be held at least ninety days prior to the vacancy occurring
 7 by reason of an expiring term or within thirty days after a vacancy occurring by
 8 reason of death, resignation, or for any other reason.

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10 E.(1)(a) Each person appointed to the board shall serve a term of five years.

11 (b) Regardless of a board member's dates of service, including past service,
 12 no person shall serve more than a total of ~~ten years~~ **two full terms** on the board,
 13 whether ~~such~~ **the** service consists of full or partial terms, or is consecutive or not.

14 ~~(c) The provisions of Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph shall not prevent a~~
 15 ~~board member serving on August 1, 2014, from completing his term of service, but~~
 16 ~~shall thereafter apply.~~

17 ~~(2) The effective date of appointment or reappointment of a member shall~~
 18 ~~coincide with the expiration date of the previous term.~~

19 ~~(3)~~**(2)** Each member shall serve until his successor has been appointed.

20 ~~(4)~~**(3)** A vacancy occurring on the board for any reason shall be filled in the
 21 same manner as the original appointment was made. ~~However, members appointed~~
 22 ~~to fill vacancies shall only serve for the unexpired term of their predecessors. A~~
 23 **member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the calendar**
 24 **year in which the vacancy occurred. The member may then be appointed to**
 25 **serve an initial full term of five years and may be eligible for a second five-year**
 26 **term if reappointed and confirmed.**

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28 Section 2. R.S. 37:753(C)(1)(c) and (K) are hereby repealed.

29 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall not be construed to prohibit any member
 30 currently serving on the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry who has served more than two

- 1 full terms from continuing to serve in that position for the remainder of his current term or
2 until a successor is appointed.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____