

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 83

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HOSPITALS. Provides relative to hospital service districts. (8/1/24)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1055(7), 1057(5), and 1058, relative to hospital service districts; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the commission; to provide for a medical executive committee; to provide relative to the duties of the director; to provide for the duties of the medical executive committee; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:1055(7), 1057(5), and 1058 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1055. Powers and duties of commission

A. In addition to the duties defined elsewhere in this Chapter, the commission shall have the duty and authority:

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(7) To appoint the necessary standing and special committees which may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Chapter. **Each hospital service district shall have a medical executive committee.**

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1 §1057. Duties of director

2 In addition to the duties imposed upon him by other provisions of this
3 Chapter, it shall be the duty of the director:

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5 (5) To **consult and** cooperate with the medical staff **and the medical**
6 **executive committee** in the performance of the policies which it may establish.

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8 §1058. Medical staff; **medical executive committee**

9 **A.** The commission shall appoint a medical staff. ~~Such appointments~~
10 **Appointments** shall be made upon the recommendations of the physicians who are
11 authorized to practice **medicine** within the hospital.

12 **B. The commission shall appoint a medical executive committee.** It shall
13 be the duty of the medical staff **executive committee to:**

14 (1) ~~To provide~~ **Provide** professional care of the sick and injured in the
15 hospitals;

16 (2) ~~To give~~ **Give** advice and assistance to the commission and director
17 relating to standards of operation and professional problems;

18 (3) ~~To participate~~ **Participate** in the educational activities of the district;

19 (4) ~~To promulgate~~ **Promulgate** rules and regulations for the conduct of the
20 medical staff for approval of the commission;

21 (5) ~~To elect~~ **Elect** annually one of its members as chief of staff and to elect
22 from its members the heads of any specialized **medical** services of the hospital; ~~and,~~

23 (6) To approve the appointment of the hospital director made by the
24 commission.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

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Present law provides for the powers and duties of the boards and commissions governing hospital service districts. Present law provides that one of the duties is to appoint the necessary standing and special committees which may be necessary to carry out the purposes

of this Chapter.

Proposed law requires each hospital service district to have a medical executive committee.

Present law provides for the duties of the director of the hospital service district hospital. Present law provides that the director should cooperate with the medical staff in the performance of the policies of the district.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the director should consult and cooperate with the medical staff and the medical executive committee.

Present law provides for medical staff; how appointments to the medical staff are made; and the duties of the medical staff.

Proposed law retains present law relative to the medical staff and adds creation of a medical executive committee. Proposed law retains present law duties of the medical staff and makes them applicable to the medical executive committee.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 46:1055(7), 1057(5), and 1058)