

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

HOSPITALS. Requests police juries to include representatives of the nursing profession on hospital service district commissions.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request each police jury that appoints commissioners for their respective  
3 hospital service district to include a representative of the nursing profession as an  
4 appointee on the hospital service district commission.

5 WHEREAS, nearly seventy-five years ago, the legislature enacted laws to grant  
6 parish governing authorities the ability to create hospital service districts for the purpose of  
7 owning and operating hospitals within the district; and

8 WHEREAS, pursuant to the enabling legislation, hospital service districts are  
9 governed by a board of commissioners that are responsible for appointing a hospital director,  
10 executives, and a medical staff; and

11 WHEREAS, in the hospital service district enabling legislation, there is no statutory  
12 recognition or acknowledgment of nurses; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the 2022 Nurse Supply Report issued by the Louisiana  
14 State Board of Nursing, on December 31, 2022, there were 65,596 registered nurses holding  
15 an active license to practice in Louisiana, and of those 32,763, a staggering 60% were  
16 employed by hospitals; and

17 WHEREAS, according to the 2019 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics,  
18 registered nurses made up 30% of hospital employment, making it the largest hospital

1 occupation; and

2 WHEREAS, each hospital is required to provide 24-hour nursing services; and

3 WHEREAS, nurses engage with hospital patients and patient family members more  
4 on a daily basis than any other health care professional, therefore they can provide critical  
5 insight into the patient care experience and patient needs from a different perspective than  
6 other hospital professionals; and

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
8 does hereby urge and request each police jury that appoints commissioners for their  
9 respective hospital service district to include a representative of the nursing profession as an  
10 appointee on the hospital service district commission.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each  
12 police jury that currently appoints commissioners to a hospital service district commission  
13 pursuant to R.S. 46:1053.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Amanda Trapp.

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