

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 129

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 board of commissioners. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact Section 2.1(A), (C)(1), and (P) of Act No. 180 of the 1984 Regular  
3 Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 562 of the 2003 Regular Session  
4 of the Legislature, Act No. 1214 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act  
5 No. 682 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 178 of the 2007  
6 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the St. Tammany Parish Hospital  
7 District No. 2; to provide for the membership of the board of commissioners; to  
8 provide for residency requirements of the board of commissioners; to provide that  
9 members of the board of commissioners who are physicians may contract or accept  
10 employment with Slidell Memorial Hospital upon expiration of service as a member  
11 of the board; to provide for retroactive effect; and to provide for related matters.

12 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

14 Section 1. Section 2.1 (A), (C)(1), and (P) of Act No. 180 of the 1984 Regular  
15 Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 562 of the 2003 Regular Session of the  
16 Legislature, Act No. 1214 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 682 of  
17 the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 178 of the 2007 Regular Session

1 of the Legislature are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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3 Section 2.1. Board of commissioners; nomination; appointment; terms; vacancies;  
4 officers; meetings; compensation; St. Tammany Parish Hospital  
5 Service District No. 2

6 A. St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 shall be governed by  
7 a board of nine commissioners; **Seven members**, all of whom are registered to vote  
8 in and have been residents and domiciliaries of Wards 6, 7, 8, or 9 of St. Tammany  
9 Parish for not less than two years prior to appointment. ~~Seven members~~, shall be  
10 appointed pursuant to Subsection B of this Section, ~~and two~~ **Two members** shall be  
11 appointed pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

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13 C. The board of commissioners members from the Slidell Memorial Hospital  
14 medical staff shall be nominated and appointed as follows:

15 (1) Two practicing medical staff members of Slidell Memorial Hospital shall  
16 be nominated by the medical staff of the hospital. One nominee shall be the current  
17 chief of the medical staff **or his medical staff designee**, and the other shall be a staff  
18 member who regularly treats patients at the hospital and who has the majority of his  
19 practice at Slidell Memorial Hospital. Both physician appointees shall have long-  
20 standing professional ties to Slidell Memorial Hospital.

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22 P. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, ~~the chief of~~  
23 ~~the medical staff~~ **any member of the board of commissioners who is a licensed**  
24 **physician** shall not be prohibited from **contracting or** accepting employment with  
25 Slidell Memorial Hospital following expiration of his service on the board of  
26 commissioners.

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28 Section 2. This Act is remedial, curative, and procedural and shall have retroactive  
29 and prospective effect.

1           Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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

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#### DIGEST

Donahue (SB 129)

Present law provides that all nine members of the board of commissioners of the St. Tammany Hospital District No. 2 shall be registered to vote in and have been residents and domiciliaries of Wards 6, 7, 8, or 9 of St. Tammany Parish for not less than two years prior to appointment.

Proposed law provides that seven of the nine members shall be residents of and shall be registered to vote in and have been residents and domiciliaries of Wards 6, 7, 8, or 9 of St. Tammany Parish for not less than two years prior to appointment and two members who are practicing medical staff members shall be registered to vote in and residents and domiciliaries of St. Tammany Parish.

Proposed law allows the chief of the medical staff to appoint a designee to serve on the board of commissioners of the St. Tammany Hospital District No. 2.

Present law provides the chief of the medical staff shall not be prohibited from accepting employment with Slidell Memorial Hospital following expiration of his service on the board.

Proposed law expands the provision to allow any licensed physician the ability to contract or accept employment with Slidell Memorial Hospital following the expiration of his service on the board.

Provides that proposed law has retroactive and prospective effect.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Section 2.1 (A), (C)(1), and (P) of Act No. 180 of the 1984 R.S.)