

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 670

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

LOCAL AGENCIES. Provides relative to the membership of certain hospital service districts. (8/1/14)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1053(FF), relative to certain hospital service districts; to provide for appointments of board members; to provide for qualification of members; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:1053(FF) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1053. Commission; qualification of members; appointment; vacancies; compensation; removal of commissioners; certain powers

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FF.(1) In any parish with a population in excess of twelve thousand but not more than thirteen thousand five hundred based on the latest federal decennial census, a hospital service district shall be governed by a board of commissioners appointed by the governing authority of the parish as follows:

(a) Two members shall be employed in the banking industry and reside in the district.

(b) One member shall be a practicing physician who resides in the district.

- 1 **(c) One member shall be a practicing attorney who resides in the district.**
- 2 **(d) One member shall be an educator who resides in the district.**
- 3 **(2) Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governing**
- 4 **authority of the parish. Nothing in this Subsection shall impair or affect the**
- 5 **operation of the hospital service district.**

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

DIGEST

Thompson (SB 670)

Present law provides that any hospital service district formed or created by law shall be governed by a board of five commissioners, who shall be qualified voters and residents of the district.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that in any parish with a population in excess of 12,000 but not more than 13,500 based on the latest federal decennial census, a hospital service district shall be governed by a board of commissioners appointed by the governing authority of the parish as follows:

- (1) Two members shall be employed in the banking industry and reside in the district.
- (2) One member shall be a practicing physician who resides in the district.
- (3) One member shall be a practicing attorney who resides in the district.
- (4) One member shall be an educator who resides in the district.

Proposed law further provides that any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governing authority of the parish.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 46:1053(F))