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## DIGEST

Allain (SB 170)

Proposed law includes within the definition of a rural hospital a sole community hospital under 42 CFR 412.92 which is located within a parish whose latest federal decennial census population is no less than 53,000 and no more than 56,000. Further, a rural hospital as defined in the proposed law shall maintain the same per diem rates and shall not participate in the uncompensated care hospital payments. A rural hospital as defined in the proposed law shall fully participate in the rural hospital upper payment limit program administered by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

Proposed law provides the effective date of the proposed law shall be July 1, 2013, subject to additional appropriation by the legislature. Any hospital affected by the proposed law shall participate in the rural hospital upper payment limit program administered by the Department of Health and Hospitals only to the extent additional funds are available which exceed the amount of funds appropriated for that program for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.143(7)(a)(xiv))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

#### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Adds effective date of July 1, 2013.
2. Effectiveness subject to appropriation of additional funding of the legislature.
3. Provides cap on per diem rates and uncompensated care hospital payments.
4. Provides participation in rural hospital upper payment limit program.