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2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 112

BY SENATOR CATHEY

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six years.

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Provides for qualifications of Hospital Service District members. (8/1/24)

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 46:1053(A), relative to hospital service districts; to provide relative to the board of commissioners; to provide relative to qualifications of 3 members; to provide with respect to convicted felons; to provide relative to 4 5 background checks of persons seeking to serve on the board of commissioners; to provide relative to the duties of the appointing authority of hospital service districts; 6 7 and to provide for related matters. 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 9 Section 1. R.S. 46:1053(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 10 §1053. Commission; qualification of members; appointment; vacancies; 11 compensation; removal of commissioners; certain powers A.(1) Any hospital service district formed or created under the provisions of 12 13 this Chapter shall be governed by a board of five commissioners, hereafter referred to as commission, who shall be qualified voters and residents of the district. The 14 commission shall be appointed by the police jury of the parish. Two of the first 15

commissioners so appointed shall serve for two years, two for four years and one for

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(2) No person who has been convicted of a felony shall be allowed to serve on the board of commissioners of any hospital district formed or created under the provisions of this Chapter. The appointing authority of a hospital service district formed or created pursuant to this Chapter shall conduct a background check on a person who seeks to serve on the board as required by this Section. The background check required by the provisions of this Section shall be obtained in accordance with federal law and shall come from the National Instant Criminal Background Check System located at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Information Services Division.

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

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<u>Present law</u> provides that any hospital service district formed or created under the provisions of <u>present law</u> shall be governed by a board of five commissioners who shall be qualified voters and residents of the district. The commission shall be appointed by the police jury of the parish. Two of the first commissioners so appointed shall serve for two years, two for four years and one for six years.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that no person who has been convicted of a felony shall be allowed to serve on the board of commissioners of any hospital district formed or created under the provisions of <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the appointing authority of a hospital service district shall conduct a background check on a person who seeks to serve on the board as required by <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the background check required by <u>proposed law</u> shall be obtained in accordance with federal law and shall come from the NICS located at the F.B.I.'s Criminal Information Services Division.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 46:1053(A))