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## DIGEST

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HB 138 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides for the membership, qualifications, powers, and duties of the La. State Bd. of Medical Examiners (board).

Present law provides that the board shall have 10 voting members who are all appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law adds a physician assistant member to the board.

Present law provides that the nine physician members of the board shall be appointed by the governor from a list of names provided by an entity in this state.

Proposed law adds that six of the physician members shall practice in a congressional district specified by proposed law.

Present law provides for mandatory and discretionary powers and duties of the board.

Proposed law directs the executive director of the board to hire a director of investigations.

Proposed law provides that the director of investigations shall provide recommendations on disciplinary action.

Present law provides that the director of investigations is answerable directly to the board.

Proposed law provides that the director of investigations is answerable directly to the executive director of the board.

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

(Amends R.S. 37:1263(B) and 1270(A)(9))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Provide for the membership, qualification, and appointments of the La. St. Bd. of Medical Examiners.

2. Provide for the duties of the board.
3. Repeal provisions of present law that provide for the procedures for removal of members of the board.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove provisions relative to the membership, qualifications, and appointments of the La. St. Bd. of Medical Examiners.
2. Add provisions that require certain members of the board to practice in certain areas in the state.
3. Make the director of investigations answerable directly to the executive director of the board.