

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 138

2025 Regular Session

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**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS: Provides with respect to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners**

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DIGEST

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

Present law provides that the term for members is four years.

Proposed law adds a non-physician healthcare professional whose profession is regulated by the board.

Proposed law provides that the term for the non-physician healthcare professional member is two years.

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.

Proposed law provides that each member shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

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 (F) and 1270(A)(9); add R.S. 37:1263(D)(4))

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.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Change the congressional districts where certain members must practice.
2. Change the physician assistant member to a non-physician healthcare professional whose profession is regulated by the board.
3. Provide for terms of the members.
4. Provide that the first non-physician healthcare professional member will be a physician assistant.
5. Add provision that each member of the board serves at the pleasure of the governor.
6. Make technical changes.