

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 574

BY REPRESENTATIVE SPELL

MENTAL HEALTH: Provides for the membership of the Mental Health Advocacy Service

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 28:64(A)(3), relative to the Mental Health Advocacy Service
3 board of trustees; to provide for the name change of the state's mental health
4 organizations that are members of the Mental Health Advocacy Service board; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 28:64(A)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §64. Mental Health Advocacy Service; creation; board of trustees; organization;
9 powers; duties

10 A.

11 * * *

12 (3) The service shall be governed by a board of trustees consisting of nine
13 members to be made up of the deans of the law schools or their designated faculty
14 members from Loyola University of the South, Southern University and Agricultural
15 and Mechanical College Law Schools and from the medical and law schools of
16 Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Tulane
17 University of Louisiana, the president of the ~~Mental Health Association of Louisiana~~
18 Louisiana Mental Health Association or his representative, and a selected member
19 from the ~~Louisiana Medical Society~~ Louisiana State Medical Society and the
20 Louisiana State Bar Association.

21 * * *

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 574 Original

2026 Regular Session

Spell

Abstract: Provides for the name change of the state's mental health organizations that are members of the Mental Health Advocacy Service board of trustees.

Present law provides that the board of trustee membership for the Mental Health Advocacy Service shall be comprised of nine members including the president of the Mental Health Association of Louisiana or his representative and a selected member from the Louisiana Medical Society.

Proposed law changes the organizations' names from the Mental Health Association of Louisiana and the Louisiana Medical Society to the Louisiana Mental Health Association and the Louisiana State Medical Society.

(Amends R.S. 28:64(A)(3))