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2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 359

BY SENATOR JACKSON-ANDREWS

HOSPITALS. Provides relative to term limits for certain hospital service district commissioners. (8/1/26)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 46:1053(GG), relative to hospital service districts; to provide for terms of office for certain hospital service district commissioners; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 46:1053(GG) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1053. Commission; qualification of members; appointment; vacancies; compensation; removal of commissioners; certain powers

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GG. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, at the expiration of the terms of office of the commissioners serving on August 1, 2026, of a hospital service district in a parish having a population in excess of twenty-five thousand but not more than twenty-six thousand persons based on the latest federal decennial census, the successors shall be appointed for a term of four years in the same manner as the predecessor appointees were selected, and no commissioner shall serve for more than two consecutive four year terms.

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DIGEST

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Present law provides for the governance of hospital service districts by a board of commissioners serving six-year terms. Present law provides for exceptions to the governance provisions in present law for certain hospital service districts.

Proposed law retains present law and adds an exception to hospital service district governance for commission members serving four-year terms, with a term limit of two terms, starting Aug. 1, 2026, as current board member terms end if the hospital service district is in a parish with a 2020 census population of 25,000 to 26,000.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 46:1053(GG))

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