
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative the La. St. Board 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 requires that all members of the board, except the consumer member, be physicians.

Present law provides that two members of the board shall be appointed by the governor from a list of names provided by the La. Medical Association in this state.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the La. Medical Association as the nominating authority.

Proposed law provides that two members of the board shall be appointed by the governor from a list of names provided by Xavier Ochsner College.

Present law provides that a physician member of the board shall, at the time of appointment, be a resident of this state for six months.

Proposed law modifies present law changing the resident requirement from six months to five years.

Present law provides for one consumer members of the board.

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

Proposed law provides that no member shall serve on the board if he is also a member of the governing body of a nominating organization provided by present law.

Proposed law requires the governor to ensure that his appointments to the board demonstrate diversity.

Proposed law provides that the governor shall provide a nominating organization notice of his intent to fill a vacancy on the board. Proposed law further provide that the nominating organization must respond to the notice within 30 days and provide a list of nominees within 90 days, if the nominating agency fails to meet either deadline, the governor shall appoint a physician of his choosing.

Present law provides that the board shall hold at least one regular meeting each year.

Proposed law requires the board to hold at least five meetings each year.

Proposed law provides that the governor may select the president of the board from the members of the board, but if he does not select a president, the board shall select a president.

Proposed law requires the board to hire an executive director of the board that has administrative oversight of board and its subdivisions. Proposed law further provides that the executive director shall participate in discussion related to investigations and discipline of licensees.

Present law provides that the board shall hire a director of investigations who is a licensed physician in the this state and actively practices medicine.

Proposed law clarifies present law that the director of investigations must actively practice in this state.

(Amends R.S. 37:1263(B)(1)-(7), (C)(1)(a) and (2)(b), and (D)(1), 1266, and 1270(A)(intro. para.) and (9); Adds R.S. 37:1263(C)(3) and (D)(4) and (5))