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DIGEST

SB 483 Engrossed 2026 Regular Session Reese

Present law provides for the membership of the La. Board of Pharmacy.

Present law provides for 16 pharmacist members on the board, with two members selected from each of the eight pharmacy districts established in the state following an election and submission of the top three names to the governor for appointment.

Proposed law changes the number of pharmacists selected from the pharmacy districts pursuant to an election from 16 to eight, with one pharmacist elected from each district.

Proposed law provides for the following eight licensed healthcare professional members on the board:

- (1) Three compounding pharmacists.
- (2) One chain pharmacy pharmacist.
- (3) One hospital pharmacy pharmacist.
- (4) One independent community pharmacy pharmacist.
- (5) One licensed pharmacist or licensed healthcare professional with prescriptive authority who represents Districts 1, 2, 3, and 6.
- (6) One licensed pharmacist or licensed healthcare professional with prescriptive authority who represents Districts 4, 5, 7, and 8.

Present law provides for one consumer member who serves at the pleasure of the governor.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the governor shall fill the vacancy of the consumer member at his pleasure.

Proposed law provides that the governor shall fill the vacancy of the consumer member and the licensed healthcare professionals not appointed through the election process within 60 days.

Proposed law establishes term limits for board members.

Proposed law provides for the time frame to implement the changes to board membership pursuant to proposed law.

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

(Amends R.S. 37:1172, 1173(intro para), 1174(A)(intro para), 1175(B), (C), and (D), and 1177; adds R.S. 37:1173.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Changes the qualifications for certain board members.
2. Changes the implementation time frame.