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## DIGEST

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HB 54 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the membership of the governing board of commissioners of Concordia Parish Hospital Service District Number One.

Present law generally authorizes parish governing authorities to create hospital service districts within the respective parishes or to combine two or more parishes into a single hospital service district. Provides generally that hospital service districts are governed by a board of five commissioners. Further requires that commissioners be qualified voters and residents of the district.

Present law provides that Concordia Parish Hospital Service District Number One be governed by a board of commissioners of seven members. Further requires that the two additional commissioners provided for by present law be appointed initially by the governor. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that, upon expiration of the terms of the initial two additional commissioners, the successors of one of such additional commissioners be designated as the physician member, and that the term of such member be two years. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires that the police jury appoint the immediate past chief of staff of the hospital medical staff as the physician member. Provides that, upon completion of his term, the outgoing chief of staff shall be his successor. Further exempts the physician member from present law requirements that commissioners be qualified voters and residents of the district. Proposed law deletes present law provisions and instead provides for the following changes:

- (1) Replaces the police jury with the medical staff at Riverland Medical Center as the appointing entity of the physician member, and specifies that such member shall be elected by such staff.
- (2) Requires that the physician member be an active member of the medical staff at Riverland Medical Center.
- (3) Provides that the physician member be a qualified voter and resident of the district.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:1053(Q)(2))