

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

HEALTH/SICKLE CELL ANEM: Provides for the membership of the Sickle Cell Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) and to repeal  
3 R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(d) through (h) and (10), relative to the Louisiana Sickle Cell  
4 Commission; to provide for the members of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission;  
5 to provide for the initial meeting of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission; and to  
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(introductory paragraph) and (2) are hereby amended  
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1125.1. Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission

11 B.(1) ~~Thirteen members shall be appointed by the governor, subject to~~  
12 ~~Senate confirmation, as follows:~~ The following members shall be appointed by the  
13 governor and subject to Senate confirmation:

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15 (2) ~~Two of the members shall be as follows:~~ The following shall be members  
16 of the commission:

17 (a) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

18 (b) The Medicaid director of the Louisiana Department of Health or his  
19 designee.

20 (c) The executive director of the Sickle Cell Association of South Louisiana.

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- (d) The executive director of the Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia
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- Technical Resource Foundation, Inc.
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- (e) The executive director of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America,
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- Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter.
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- (f) The executive director of the Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation,
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- Alexandria.
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- (g) The executive director of Southwest Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc.

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Section 2. R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(d) through (h) and (10) are hereby repealed in their

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entirety.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that the executive directors of certain Louisiana sickle cell disease organizations are members of the Louisiana Sickle Cell Commission.

Present law provides that one member from a list of nominees provided by the following organizations shall be a member of the La. Sickle Cell Commission appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation:

- (1) The Sickle Cell Association of South Louisiana.
- (2) The Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Technical Resource Foundation, Inc.
- (3) The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter.
- (4) The Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria.
- (5) Southwest Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc.

Proposed law repeals present law and provides that the executive directors of the following organizations shall be members of the La. Sickle Cell Commission:

- (1) The Sickle Cell Association of South Louisiana.
- (2) The Northeast Louisiana Sickle Cell Anemia Technical Resource Foundation, Inc.
- (3) The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc., Northwest Louisiana Chapter.
- (4) The Sickle Cell Anemia Research Foundation, Alexandria.
- (5) Southwest Sickle Cell Anemia, Inc.

Present law provides that the appointment of the La. Sickle Cell Commission shall take place no later than October 1, 2013, and the commission shall convene its first meeting no later than November 1, 2013.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(intro. para.) and (2); Repeals R.S. 40:1125.1(B)(1)(d)-(h) and (10))