DIGEST

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Dove HB No. 451

Abstract: Provides relative to the terms of the board of commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Terrebonne Parish.

Present law generally authorizes police juries to form and create one or more hospital service districts within their respective parishes. Present law requires that a hospital service district be governed by a board of five commissioners, appointed by the police jury, who are qualified voters and residents of the district. Generally requires members to serve six-year staggered terms. Provides exceptions relative to the number of commissioners and terms.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires that any hospital service district formed or created in Terrebonne Parish be governed by a board composed of not less than five nor more than 11 commissioners. Requires the parish governing authority to establish the exact number of commissioners and appoint them.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires, insofar as possible, the initial commissioners to be appointed with staggered terms so that a substantially equal number of commissioners are appointed for one-, two-, and three-year initial terms. Provides that if 11 commissioners are appointed, four commissioners shall serve for a term of one year, four commissioners shall serve for a term of two years, and three commissioners shall serve for a term of three years.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an exception for the 11 members of the board of commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Terrebonne Parish. Provides that the terms of the commissioners serving on the effective date of proposed law shall be as follows:

(1) Two of the five commissioners whose terms are set to expire in 2012 shall have their terms extended by one year as determined by lot at the first meeting of the board after the effective date of proposed law. The terms of the three remaining commissioners of the five shall expire in 2012.

(2) The three commissioners whose terms are set to expire in 2013 shall have their terms extended by one year.

(3) The terms of the three commissioners whose terms are set to expire in 2011 shall expire

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Present law provides that all commissioners shall be subject to removal only upon a showing of just cause by the parish governing authority.

Proposed law retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:1053(M)(2) and (3)(a); Adds R.S. 46:1053(M)(3)(c))