(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

DISTRICTS/HOSPITAL SERVC: Provides relative to the Parish Hospital Service District for the parish of Orleans.

DIGEST

Present law (R.S. 46:1094) creates the Parish Hospital Service District for the parish of Orleans. Provides for the district's boundaries to be coterminous with the parish boundaries but divides the parish into two areas, each to be governed by a board of commissioners. The two areas are: (a) Orleans Parish east of the Industrial Canal and (b) all of Orleans Parish except the geographical areas east of the Industrial Canal and the area of Orleans Parish bounded by Earhart Boulevard, Carrollton Avenue, Loyola Avenue, and Iberville Street.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law, relative to the boards of commissioners for each of the two areas, provides that each board is comprised of 13 members. Provides that seven members are appointed by the parish chief executive officer and that they shall have expertise in areas including medical litigation, fund raising and philanthropy, accounting, business development, indigent care, community relations, government relations, women's health, minority health, geriatric medicine, nursing, any other medical field or consumer advocacy.

Proposed law retains the expertise requirement of present law but requires that at least one member shall be appointed from each of a list of three nominations submitted by the member of the governing authority of New Orleans, the member of the La. House of Representatives, and the member of the La. Senate whose districts encompasses all or the greater portion of the area in which the district is located.

Proposed law provides that the seven appointees by the chief executive officer shall serve staggered initial terms and thereafter shall serve a four-year term.

Present law provides that the six other appointments to the commission shall be:

(1) A consumer appointed by the chief executive officer of the parish.

(2) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University-Health Sciences Center School of Medicine or his designee.

(3) The chancellor of the Tulane University School of Medicine or his designee.

(4) The president of the New Orleans Medical Association or his designee.

(5) The president of the Orleans Parish Medical Society or his designee.

(6) The director of the city of New Orleans Department of Health.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the consumer member of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the chief executive officer of the parish and the other five specified ex officio members shall serve during their term of office.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment within 30 days of the vacancy. Provides that if the appointing authority fails

to fill a vacancy within 30 days, the remaining members of the commission shall appoint an interim successor to serve on the commission until the position is filled by the appointing authority.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law specifically provides that the commission and the district shall have all the general powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of a hospital district created under the general provisions of present law.

Provides that all appointments of the members of the Orleans Parish Hospital District appointed pursuant to present law shall terminate and such seats shall be declared vacant on the effective date of proposed law. New appointments shall be made in accordance with proposed law. Nominations for appointments pursuant to proposed law shall be due to the governing authority of the city of New Orleans by January 1, 2012.

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

(Amends R.S. 46:1095(B)(1) and (C) and 1097(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill.

1. Amends present law to remove expertise requirements applicable to seven of the appointed members and to add requirement that three of them be made from nominations.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to the engrossed bill.

1. Adds staggered initial terms and four-year subsequent terms for certain appointments.

2. Specifies that commission and district shall have the same powers, duties, functions and responsibilities as districts created under the general provisions of present law.

3. Adds transition provisions for board members.

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