

SENATE BILL NO. 129

BY SENATORS DONAHUE AND CROWE

AN ACT

To amend and reenact Section 2.1(A), (C)(1), and (P) of Act No. 180 of the 1984 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 562 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 1214 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 682 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 178 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Legislature, relative to the St. Tammany Parish Hospital District No. 2; to provide for the membership of the board of commissioners; to provide for residency requirements of the board of commissioners; to provide that members of the board of commissioners who are physicians may contract or accept employment with Slidell Memorial Hospital upon expiration of service as a member of the board; to provide for retroactive effect; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Section 2.1 (A), (C)(1), and (P) of Act No. 180 of the 1984 Regular Session of the Legislature, as amended by Act No. 562 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 1214 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature, Act No. 682 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature, and Act No. 178 of the 2007 Regular Session of the Legislature are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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1 Section 2.1. Board of commissioners; nomination; appointment; terms; vacancies;
2 officers; meetings; compensation; St. Tammany Parish Hospital
3 Service District No. 2

4 A. St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 shall be governed by
5 a board of nine commissioners; Seven members, all of whom are registered to vote
6 in and have been residents and domiciliaries of Wards 6, 7, 8, or 9 of St. Tammany
7 Parish for not less than two years prior to appointment. ~~Seven members~~, shall be
8 appointed pursuant to Subsection B of this Section, ~~and two~~ Two members shall be
9 appointed pursuant to Subsection C of this Section.

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11 C. The board of commissioners members from the Slidell Memorial Hospital
12 medical staff shall be nominated and appointed as follows:

13 (1) Two practicing medical staff members of Slidell Memorial Hospital shall
14 be nominated by the medical staff of the hospital. One nominee shall be the current
15 chief of the medical staff or his medical staff designee, and the other shall be a staff
16 member who regularly treats patients at the hospital and who has the majority of his
17 practice at Slidell Memorial Hospital. Both physician appointees shall have long-
18 standing professional ties to Slidell Memorial Hospital.

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20 P. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, ~~the chief of~~
21 ~~the medical staff~~ any member of the board of commissioners who is a licensed
22 physician shall not be prohibited from contracting or accepting employment with
23 Slidell Memorial Hospital following expiration of his service on the board of
24 commissioners.

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26 Section 2. This Act is remedial, curative, and procedural and shall have retroactive
27 and prospective effect.

28 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
29 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
30 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____