HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 353 by Representative Arnold

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

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that seven of the eight members appointed by the parish chief executive officer shall serve four-year staggered terms rather than at the pleasure of such officer.

2. Provides that an appointment to a vacancy that occurs prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

3. 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.

4. Provides for the termination of terms of all members appointed prior to the effective date of proposed law. Requires that new appointments be made in accordance with proposed law. Provides that no member appointed prior to the effective date of proposed law shall have any claim, right, or privilege to a seat on the board.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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. Present law provides that seven members are appointed by the parish chief executive officer and that they shall have expertise in certain areas outlined in present law. Proposed law retains the expertise requirement of present law and requires that three of the seven appointments be made from lists of 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 otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that the seven members shall serve four-year staggered terms.

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 shall serve at the pleasure of the parish chief executive officer 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 and additionally provides that an appointment to a vacancy that occurs prior to the expiration of term shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Proposed law 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.

Proposed law provides that the term of office of all appointed members to the district appointed pursuant to present law shall terminate and such seats shall be declared vacant on the effective date of proposed law. Requires that new appointments be made in accordance with proposed law. Provides that no member appointed prior to the effective date of proposed law shall have any claim, right, or privilege to a seat on the board.

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

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