Dove (HB 451) **Act No. 286**

Existing law generally authorizes police juries to form and create one or more hospital service districts within their respective parishes. Existing law generally 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.

Existing 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. Requires that initial commissioners be appointed with staggered terms so that a substantially equal number of commissioners were appointed for one-, two-, and three-year initial terms. Provided that if 11 commissioners were appointed, four commissioners served for a term of one year, four served for a term of two years, and three served for a term of three years.

New law 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 June 28, 2011, 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 June 28, 2011. The terms of the three remaining commissioners of the five shall expire in 2012.

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

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

Effective upon signature of governor (June 28, 2011).

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