Arnold (HB 353) **Act No. 278**

Existing 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.

Existing 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 requires that they have expertise in certain areas. Further provides for the appointment of a consumer member and five specified ex officio members.

New law requires that three of the seven appointments made by the parish chief executive be 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.

New law provides that the terms of office of all members terminate and the seats are declared vacant on June 28, 2011. Requires that new appointments be made in accordance with existing law and new law. Prohibits legislators from submitting lists of nominees for appointment to the chief executive officer prior to January 1, 2012. No member appointed prior to June 28, 2011 has any claim, right, or privilege to a seat on the board.

New law additionally grants the commission and the district all the general powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of a hospital service district created under the general provisions of existing law.

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

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