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SENATE BILL 275

By: State Agencies & Governmental Affairs Committee

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 96 OF 1913, AS AMENDED [ARK. STATS. 82-101], TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO NINETEEN MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ONE OF THE MEMBERS SHALL BE A PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 96 of 1913, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 82-101, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The State Board of health shall consist of nineteen (19) members to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

(a) Seven (7) members shall be licensed medical doctors of good professional standing who have at least seven (7) years of practice of their profession in this State. One (1) member shall be appointed from each of the former six (6) congressional districts of this State as established by Act 297 of 1951, with the seventh member being appointed from the State at-large. Each of such appointments shall be made by the Governor from a list of not less than three (3) names presented to him for each position, by the Arkansas Medical Society.

(b) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed, registered and practicing dentist, who shall have had at least seven (7) years experience in the practice of his profession in this State. Such member shall be appointed from a list of not less than three (3) names presented by the Arkansas State Dental Association.

(c) One (1) member shall be a registered professional engineer who shall have had at least seven (7) years experience in the practice of his profession in this State. Such member shall be appointed from a list of not less than three (3) names presented by the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers.

(d) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed, professional nurse, who shall have been a resident of the State for at least seven (7) years preceding the appointment and who shall have at least a Bachelor's Degree and at least five (5) years nursing experience in the State. Such member shall be appointed from a list of not more than three (3) names presented by the Arkansas State Nurses Association.

(e) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed pharmacist who shall have been actively engaged in the drug business for at least seven (7) years preceding his appointment. Such member shall be appointed from a list of not less than three (3) names presented by the Arkansas Pharmaceutical Association.

(f) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed veterinarian who shall have been actively engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine for at least seven (7) years preceding his appointment. Such members shall be appointed from a list of not less than three (3) names presented by the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association.

(g) One (1) member shall be a registered sanitarian who shall have had at least seven (7) years in the practice of his profession preceding his appointment. Such member shall be appointed from a list of not less than three (3) names presented by the State Board of Sanitarians. The person first appointed to the Board as a registered sanitarian under the provisions of this Act shall be appointed for a term expiring on December 31, 1976, and all successor members shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years. The provisions of this Act shall in no way affect the term of office of any person serving on the Board of Health on the effective date of this Act.

(h) One (1) member shall be a hospital administrator who shall have had at least seven (7) years experience in the practice of his profession in Arkansas. Such member shall be appointed from a list of not less than three (3) names presented by the Arkansas Hospital Association. The person first appointed to the Board as a hospital administrator under the provisions of this Act shall be appointed for a term expiring on December 31, 1978, and all successor members shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years.

(i) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed, registered and practicing optometrist, who shall have had at least seven (7) years experience in the practice of his profession in this State. Such member shall be appointed from a list of not less than three (3) names presented by the Arkansas State Optometrist Association.

(j) One (1) member shall be a regularly licensed and practicing chiropractor. Such member shall be appointed from a list of not less than three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Chiropractic Association.

(k) One (1) member shall be a restaurant operator who has owned and/or operated a restaurant for a minimum of five (5) years. Such member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Hospitality Association.

(l) One (1) member shall be a consumer representative who has an interest in public health. Such member shall be appointed by the Governor from the State at-large.

(m) One (1) member shall be a public health professional who has at least seven (7) years of experience in public health delivery, education or administration. Such member shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Public Health Association."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

