

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 556

BY SENATOR CROWE

HOSPITALS. Provides for the definition of a "rural hospital". (8/15/10)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1300.143(7)(a)(xiii)(introductory paragraph), relative to the Rural Hospital Preservation Act; to provide for the definition of certain rural hospitals; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1300.143(7)(a)(xiii)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1300.143. Definitions

As used in this Part:

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(7)(a) "Rural hospital" means a hospital licensed by the department which meets one of the following criteria:

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(xiii) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraphs (7)(c) and (d) of this Section, has no more than sixty hospital beds as of November 1, ~~2010~~ 2013, and:

(aa) Is located, as measured by the 2000 census, in a municipality with a population of less than thirty-three thousand.

1 (bb) Is located, as measured by the 2000 census, in a parish with a  
2 population of less than sixty-eight thousand.

3 (cc) Is located within three miles of Jackson Barracks.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Greg Waddell.

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DIGEST

Crowe (SB 556)

Present law provides that a hospital located in a municipality with population of less than 33,000, in a parish of less than 68,000, and within three miles of Jackson Barracks must have no more than 60 hospital beds as of Nov. 1, 2010, to be designated as a "rural hospital".

Proposed law provides that a hospital in the specified location must have no more than 60 beds as of Nov. 1, 2013, in order to be designated as a "rural hospital". Proposed law changes the date by which the hospital's number of beds must be measured to meet the "rural hospital" standard from Nov. 1, 2010, to Nov. 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 40:1300.143(7)(a)(xiii)(intro. para.))