

## **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**Effective June 25, 2015**

### **Department of Health and Hospitals Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, specifically RS 49:953(B)(1), to create a rule relative to filling unexpected board member vacancies in order for the Board to officially function and carry out the duties of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to safeguard life, health, property and the public welfare of this state. This rule will remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until reenacted by Emergency Rule or through the normal promulgation process, whichever comes first.

#### **Chapter 12. General Provisions – Board Vacancies**

##### **§1201. Vacancies**

- A. The Board will notify the Governor's Office of any vacancy occurring in board membership.
- B. The Governor shall fill, within 30 calendar days, for the remainder of the term, any vacancy occurring in board membership for an unexpired term from a list of qualified candidates provided in the most recent election.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:2353.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Resources, Board of Examiners of Psychologists (June 2015).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Director

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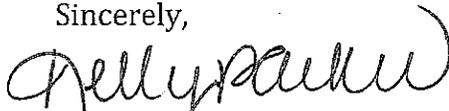
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Dear Ms. Brindley:

On behalf of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, I am submitting an Emergency Rule relating to the process to fill board vacancies. This rule is extremely important because our usual 5 member board is only going to have 3 members as of July 1, 2015. For some business, the Board needs at least 4 members to handle matters per statute. In order for the Board to continue to do its part in the protection of the public, it is imperative that this rule is posted as an emergency notice. Lastly, we used similar language to the Louisiana Professional Counselor's Board rule for vacancies.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your continued assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Kelly Parker  
Executive Director

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