



INVESTMENT POLICY

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I. PURPOSE

- A. Louisiana law requires that public entities adopt an investment policy that details and clarifies investment objectives and the procedures and constraints necessary to reach those objectives. The organization is allowed to invest only as defined by State law in La. R.S. 33:2955.

II. INTRODUCTION

- A. Pursuant to these statutes, West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District (Prevost Memorial Hospital) do hereby adopt the following investment policy.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Act 374 enacts LSA-R.S. 33:2955(D) by requiring all political subdivisions to develop and adopt an investment policy, which should (i) reflect the mandate to manage public funds prudently; (ii) place appropriate emphasis on the goals of safety of principal first, liquidity second and yield third; (iii) establish internal controls for any derivatives in use to ensure that the risks inherent in derivatives are adequately managed.
- B. Act 1126 amends LSA-R.S. 33:2955(A) to list the types of securities which are permissible investments and to list three types of obligations which are specifically prohibited from investment. It also enacts paragraph (D) which provides that, after August 15, 1995, the investment of monies in violation of the Section constitutes an intentional performance of a duty in an unlawful manner which may be prosecuted as malfeasance in office.

IV. SPECIFIC PROCEDURE

1. The sum of the balances of all checking and ledger entry savings accounts in any one bank, including all branches, will never exceed the amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, unless and only if the excess over the insured amount is collateralized by the U.S. Government, a state of the United States or a highly rated political subdivision.
2. Funds may be invested in Certificates of Deposit, however, they must either be partially or fully insured by the Federal Deposit Corporation, and where FDIC insurance is insufficient to cover the entire amount invested, the balance over and



above the insured amount must be collateralized by securities backed by the full faith and credit of either the U.S. Government, the Government of a State of the United States or a highly rated political subdivision.

3. Funds may be invested in Securities of the U.S. Government (Treasury Bills, Notes or Bonds) either through direct investment with a Federal Reserve Bank or by purchase through a qualified broker. All treasury instruments must be registered in the name of Prevost Memorial Hospital or West Ascension Hospital Service District giving full detail including cusp of said instrument.
 - a. Only investments as enumerated above will be permitted. The needs of the hospital will always be anticipated when making investments and must determine the duration of the investment in order to ensure the availability of funds at all times and minimize penalties which may be incurred through early withdrawal.

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