Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

BESE: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for a nine-member State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
2	Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 3(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to change
3	the number of members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
4	from eleven members to nine members; to provide relative to the appointment of one
5	at-large member of the board; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment
6	to the electors; and to provide for related matters.
7	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
8	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
9	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
10	amend Article VIII, Section 3(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
11	§3. State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
12	Section 3.
13	* * *
14	(B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall consist of eleven <u>nine</u> members,
15	eight of whom shall be elected from single-member districts, which shall be
16	determined as provided by law, and three <u>one</u> of whom shall be appointed jointly by
17	the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the
18	Senate from the state at large, with consent of the Senate. Members shall serve terms
19	of four years, which shall be concurrent with the term of the governor.

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1	(2) No person who has served as a member of the board for more than two
2	and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be elected or appointed to the
3	board for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person
4	elected or appointed to the board prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph
5	December 8, 2008, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such
6	person that begins after such date.
7	* * *
8	Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provisions of this amendment shall become
9	effective at noon on January 11, 2016.
10	Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
11	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,
12	2012.
13	Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
14	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
15	to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
16	read as follows:
17	Do you support an amendment to change the number of members of the State
18	Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from eleven to nine; to
19	provide for the appointment of one at-large member of the board jointly by
20	the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president
21	of the Senate? (Effective at noon on January 11, 2016) (Amends Article VIII,
22	Section 3(B))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes BESE membership <u>from</u> 11 to nine members and provides for one atlarge member (instead of three) to be appointed jointly by the governor, speaker of the House, and president of the Senate. Retains eight elected members. <u>Present constitution</u> creates and provides for the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), composed of eight members elected from single-member districts and three members appointed by the governor with Senate consent, all of whom serve terms concurrent with the governor.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> changes the number of board members <u>from 11 to</u> nine by reducing the number of appointed members <u>from</u> three <u>to</u> one. Provides that the one atlarge member shall be appointed jointly by the governor, the speaker of the House, and the president of the Senate. Retains <u>present constitution</u> terms and term limits for members.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2012.

Effective at noon on Jan. 11, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §3(B))