Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 524

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

| 1 | A JOINT RESOLUTION |
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| 2 | Proposing to amend Article VIII, Sections 5(B)(1), 6(B)(1), and 7(B)(1) and Article X, |
| 3 | Sections 3(A) and 43(A) and to add Article VIII, Section 8(D) of the Constitution of |
| 4 | Louisiana, to provide relative to the membership of constitutional boards and |
| 5 | commissions that have members who are selected from congressional districts; to |
| 6 | retain the existing number of members; to provide for implementation of |
| 7 | membership from reapportioned congressional districts; to provide for submission |
| 8 | of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters. |
| 9 | Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members |
| 10 | elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of |
| 11 | Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to |
| 12 | amend Article VIII, Sections 5(B)(1), 6(B)(1), and 7(B)(1) and to add Article VIII, Section |
| 13 | 8(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: |
| 14 | §5. Board of Regents |
| 15 | Section 5. |
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| 17 | (B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of fifteen |
| 18 | members, of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and one |
| 19 | the remaining member or members shall be from the state at large appointed by the |
| 20 | governor, with consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of six years, following |
| 21 | initial terms which shall be fixed by law. The board should be representative of the |
| 22 | state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity. |
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| 1 | go. Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System |
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| 2 | Section 6. |
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| 4 | (B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of fifteen |
| 5 | members, of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and one |
| 6 | member the remaining member or members shall be from the state at large, |
| 7 | appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate. The members shall serve |
| 8 | overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed by law. |
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| 10 | §7. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and |
| 1 | Mechanical College; Board of Supervisors of Southern University and |
| 12 | Agricultural and Mechanical College |
| 13 | Section 7. |
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| 15 | (B)(1) Membership; Terms. Each board shall be composed of fifteen |
| 16 | members, of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and one |
| 17 | member the remaining member or members shall be from the state at large, |
| 18 | appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate. The members shall serve |
| 19 | overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed by law. |
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| 21 | §8. Boards; Membership; Compensation; Congressional District Members |
| 22 | Section 8. |
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| 24 | (D) Congressional District Members. In order to implement the provisions |
| 25 | of Subparagraphs 5(B)(1), 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1) of this Article, beginning |
| 26 | on January 3, 2013, and beginning every ten years thereafter on the day the members |
| 27 | of congress from newly reapportioned congressional districts take office, any |
| 28 | vacancy that occurs on the respective board from a congressional district from which |
| 29 | there are two or more board members shall be filled by appointment of an individual |
| 30 | from a congressional district from which there are less than two members. After the |

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membership includes two members from each congressional district, the next vacancy shall be filled by an appointment from the state at large.

Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article X, Sections 3(A) and 43(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§3. State Civil Service Commission

Section 3.(A) Composition. The State Civil Service Commission is established and shall be domiciled in the state capital. It shall be composed of seven members who are electors of this state, four of whom shall constitute a quorum. No more than At least one appointed member shall be from each congressional district. In order to implement this requirement, every ten years beginning on the day the members of congress from newly reapportioned congressional districts take office, any vacancy that occurs on the commission shall be filled from a congressional district from which there is no commission member. Only when the membership includes a member from each congressional district may a vacancy be filled by an appointment from the state at large.

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§43. State Police Commission

Section 43.(A) Composition. The State Police Commission is established and shall be domiciled in the state capital. It shall be composed of seven members who are electors of this state, four of whom shall constitute a quorum. No more than At least one appointed member shall be from each congressional district. No appointed member shall concurrently serve on another board or commission whose purpose is similar to that of the State Police Commission. In order to implement this requirement, every ten years beginning on the day the members of congress from newly reapportioned congressional districts take office, any vacancy that occurs on the commission shall be filled from a congressional district from which there is no commission member. Only when the membership includes a member from each

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| 1 | congressional district may a vacancy be filled by an appointment from the state at |
| 2 | large. |
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| 4 | Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted |
| 5 | to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6, |
| 6 | 2012. |
| 7 | Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, |
| 8 | there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted |
| 9 | to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as |
| 10 | follows: |
| 11 | Do you support an amendment, relative to the membership of constitutional |
| 12 | boards and commissions that have members who are selected from |
| 13 | congressional districts, to retain the existing number of members and to |
| 14 | provide for implementation of membership from reapportioned congressional |
| 15 | districts by filling vacancies first from under-represented districts and then |
| 16 | from the state at large? (Amends Article VIII, Sections 5(B)(1), 6(B)(1), and |
| 17 | 7(B)(1) and Article X, Sections 3(A) and 43(A); Adds Article VIII, Section |
| 18 | 8(D)) |

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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