## **ACT No. 870**

HOUSE BILL NO. 524

## BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
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.
16	* * *
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
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.
14	* * *
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.
20	* * *
21	§8. Boards; Membership; Compensation; Congressional District Members
22	Section 8.
23	* * *
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	<u>large.</u>
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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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE