

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 528

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HIGHER EDUCATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Providing for a single board for colleges and universities that issue baccalaureate degrees or higher

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 22(A), Article VII, Section 10.1(C)(1) and (3) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) and 10.4(B)(1), (3), and (4), and Article VIII, Sections 5, 7.1(A)(1), 8(B), and 16, to add Article VIII, Section 7.1(F) and Part IV of Article XIV, to be comprised of Section 41, and to repeal Article VIII, Sections 6 and 7 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to reorganize the governance of public postsecondary education institutions; to create the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees; to abolish the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System; to provide for the powers and duties of the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees and the Board of Supervisors of the Community and Technical Colleges; to provide for implementation and transition; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. 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 IV, Section 22(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§22. Term Limits; Certain Boards and Commissions

1 (A) A person who has served as a member of any one or more of the
2 following boards or commissions for more than two and one-half terms in three
3 consecutive terms combined shall not serve as a member of any of the following
4 boards or commissions for a period of at least two years after the completion of such
5 consecutive terms of service:

- 6 (1) The Public Service Commission.
- 7 (2) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- 8 (3) The ~~Board of Regents~~ Louisiana University System Board of Trustees.
- 9 (4) ~~The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.~~
- 10 (5) ~~The Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural~~
11 ~~and Mechanical College.~~
- 12 (6) ~~The Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and~~
13 ~~Mechanical College.~~
- 14 (7) The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.
- 15 (8) (5) The Forestry Commission.
- 16 (9) (6) The State Civil Service Commission.
- 17 (10) (7) The State Police Commission.

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19 Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
20 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
21 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
22 amend Article VII, Section 10.1(C)(1) and (3) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) and
23 10.4(B)(1), (3), and (4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

24 §10.1. Quality Trust Fund; Education

25 Section 10.1.

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27 (C) Reports; Allocation. (1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary
28 Education, the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees, and the ~~Board of~~
29 ~~Regents~~ Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall annually

1 submit to the legislature and the governor not less than sixty days prior to the
2 beginning of each regular session of the legislature a proposed program and budget
3 for the expenditure of the monies in the Support Fund. Proposals for such
4 expenditures shall be designed to improve the quality of education and shall
5 specifically designate those monies to be used for administrative costs, as defined
6 and authorized by law.

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8 (3) The legislature shall appropriate the ~~total~~ amount intended for higher
9 educational purposes to the ~~Board of Regents~~ Louisiana University System Board
10 of Trustees and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and
11 the total amount intended for elementary and secondary educational purposes to the
12 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education which boards shall allocate the
13 monies so appropriated to the programs as previously approved by the legislature.

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15 (D) Disbursement; Higher Education and Elementary and Secondary
16 Education.

17 (1) The treasurer shall disburse not more than fifty percent of the monies in
18 the Support Fund as that money is appropriated by the legislature and allocated by
19 the ~~Board of Regents~~ Louisiana University System Board of Trustees and the Board
20 of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges for any or all of the following
21 higher educational purposes to enhance economic development:

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23 §10.4. Higher Education Louisiana Partnership Fund; Program

24 Section 10.4.

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26 (B) Higher Education Louisiana Partnership Program. (1) Upon
27 appropriation by the legislature, the monies in the fund shall be divided into
28 matching grants for the Higher Education Louisiana Partnership Program which shall
29 be administered by the ~~Board of Regents~~ Louisiana University System Board of

1 Trustees. The ~~Board of Regents~~ board may allocate program funds to each public
 2 or independent institution of higher education on a one to one and one-half matching
 3 basis or one twenty thousand dollar state matching grant for each thirty thousand
 4 dollars raised specifically for the purposes of participation in the Higher Education
 5 Louisiana Partnership Program by the institutions of higher education from private
 6 sources. The state matching portion shall be allocated by the ~~Board of Regents~~
 7 Louisiana University System Board of Trustees only after it determines that an
 8 eligible institution has accumulated not less than the minimum required amount from
 9 private sources for the purposes of the Higher Education Louisiana Partnership
 10 Program.

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12 (3) State matching funds shall be applied only to private source funds
 13 contributed after July 1, 1991, and pledged for the purposes of this Section as
 14 certified by the ~~Board of Regents~~ Louisiana University System Board of Trustees.
 15 Pledged contributions shall not be eligible for state matching funds prior to their
 16 actual collection.

17 (4) Each institution of higher education may establish its own Higher
 18 Education Louisiana Partnership Program fund as a depository for private
 19 contributions and state matching funds as provided herein. The state matching funds
 20 allocated by the ~~Board of Regents~~ Louisiana University System Board of Trustees
 21 shall be transferred to an institution upon notification that the institution has received
 22 and deposited the necessary private contributions in its own Higher Education
 23 Louisiana Partnership Program fund.

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25 Section 3. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
 26 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
 27 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
 28 amend Article VIII, Sections 5, 7.1(A)(1), 8(B), and 16 and to add Article VIII, Section
 29 7.1(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

1 §5. ~~Board of Regents~~ Louisiana University System Board of Trustees

2 Section 5.(A) Creation; Functions. The ~~Board of Regents~~ Louisiana
3 University System Board of Trustees is created as a body corporate. It shall plan,
4 coordinate, and have budgetary responsibility ~~for all public postsecondary education~~
5 and supervision and management responsibility for state colleges and universities
6 authorized to offer baccalaureate or higher degrees or both and other programs
7 administered through its institutions or systems, and shall have other powers, duties,
8 and responsibilities provided in this Section or by law.

9 (B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of ~~fifteen~~ thirty-
10 two members elected by the legislature to serve four-year terms, sixteen being
11 elected in each odd numbered year, ~~of whom two members shall be from each~~
12 ~~congressional district and the remaining member or members shall be from the state~~
13 ~~at large appointed by the governor, with consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms~~
14 ~~of six years, following initial terms which shall be fixed by law. In each regular~~
15 legislative session in an odd-numbered year, the Louisiana House of Representatives
16 shall elect eight members and the Louisiana Senate shall elect eight members.
17 Terms shall begin on July 1 following election. The board should be representative
18 of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity.

19 (2) No person who has served as a member of the board for more than two
20 and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be ~~appointed~~ elected to the board
21 for the succeeding term. ~~This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person appointed~~
22 ~~to the board prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply~~
23 ~~to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.~~

24 (C) Vacancy. A vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be
25 filled for the remainder of the unexpired term ~~by appointment by the governor, with~~
26 ~~consent of the Senate.~~

27 (D) Powers. ~~The Board of Regents shall meet with the State Board of~~
28 ~~Elementary and Secondary Education at least twice a year to coordinate programs~~
29 ~~of public elementary, secondary, vocational-technical, career, and higher education.~~

1 ~~The Board of Regents shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities~~
2 ~~relating to public institutions of postsecondary education:~~

3 ~~(1) To revise or eliminate an existing degree program, department of~~
4 ~~instruction, division, or similar subdivision.~~

5 ~~(2) To approve, disapprove, or modify a proposed degree program,~~
6 ~~department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision.~~

7 ~~(3)(a) To study the need for and feasibility of creating a new institution of~~
8 ~~postsecondary education, which includes establishing a branch of such an institution~~
9 ~~or converting any non-degree granting institution to an institution which grants~~
10 ~~degrees or converting any college or university which is limited to offering degrees~~
11 ~~of a lower rank than baccalaureate to a college or university that offers baccalaureate~~
12 ~~degrees or merging any institution of postsecondary education into any other~~
13 ~~institution of postsecondary education, establishing a new management board, and~~
14 ~~transferring a college or university from one board to another.~~

15 ~~(b) If the creation of a new institution, the merger of any institutions, the~~
16 ~~addition of another management board, or the transfer of an existing institution of~~
17 ~~higher education from one board to another is proposed, the Board of Regents shall~~
18 ~~report its written findings and recommendations to the legislature within one year.~~
19 ~~Only after the report has been filed, or after one year from the receipt of a request for~~
20 ~~a report from the legislature if no report is filed, may the legislature take affirmative~~
21 ~~action on such a proposal and then only by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected~~
22 ~~members of each house.~~

23 ~~(4) To formulate and make timely revision of a master plan for~~
24 ~~postsecondary education. As a minimum, the plan shall include a formula for~~
25 ~~equitable distribution of funds to the institutions of postsecondary education.~~

26 ~~(5) To require that every postsecondary education board submit to it, at a~~
27 ~~time it specifies, an annual budget proposal for operational needs and for capital~~
28 ~~needs of each institution under the control of each board. The Board of Regents shall~~

1 submit its budget recommendations for all institutions of postsecondary education
2 in the state. It shall recommend priorities for capital construction and improvements.

3 ~~(E) Powers Not Vested. Powers of management over public institutions of~~
4 ~~postsecondary education not specifically vested by this Section in the Board of~~
5 ~~Regents are reserved to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and~~
6 ~~Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern~~
7 ~~University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Trustees for State~~
8 ~~Colleges and Universities, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical~~
9 ~~Colleges, and any other such board created pursuant to this Article, as to the~~
10 ~~institutions under the control of each.~~

11 The Louisiana University System Board of Trustees shall have all powers of
12 management over public postsecondary education institutions under its jurisdiction
13 as provided in Paragraph (A) of this Section, including the following powers, duties,
14 and responsibilities:

15 (1) To plan, coordinate, and exercise budgetary responsibility for such
16 institutions.

17 (2) To revise or eliminate an existing degree program, department of
18 instruction, division, or similar subdivision.

19 (3) To approve, disapprove, or modify a proposed degree program,
20 department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision.

21 (4) To study the need for and feasibility of creating a new institution of
22 postsecondary education under its jurisdiction, which includes establishing a branch
23 of such an institution or merging any institution of postsecondary education into
24 another. If the creation of a new institution or the merger of institutions is proposed
25 by the legislature, the board shall report its written findings and recommendations
26 to the legislature within one year after such a proposal. Only after the report has
27 been filed, or after one year after the legislative proposal if no report is filed, may the
28 legislature take affirmative action on such a proposal and then only by law enacted
29 by two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

1 (5) To formulate and make timely revision of a master plan for
2 postsecondary education within its jurisdiction. At a minimum, the plan shall
3 include a formula for equitable distribution of funds to the institutions of
4 postsecondary education under its jurisdiction.

5 (6) To require that each institution submit to it, at a time it specifies, an
6 annual budget proposal for its operational and capital needs. The board shall submit
7 its budget recommendations for all of its institutions. It shall recommend priorities
8 for capital construction and improvements.

9 (7) To meet with the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical
10 Colleges and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at least twice
11 a year to coordinate programs of public elementary, secondary, vocational-technical,
12 career, and higher education.

13 (8) To work cooperatively with the Board of Supervisors of Community and
14 Technical Colleges on all matters affecting responsibilities shared by both boards.

15 E. The board shall comply with any decision of a commission created by the
16 legislature to resolve disputes between itself and the Board of Supervisors of
17 Community and Technical Colleges.

18 §7.1. Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges

19 Section 7.1.(A) Creation; Powers; Institutions; Divisions. (1) The Board of
20 Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges is created as a body corporate to
21 manage the Louisiana Community and Technical College System ~~subject to powers~~
22 ~~vested by this Article in the Board of Regents.~~ The system shall include all programs
23 of public postsecondary vocational-technical training, and, as provided by law,
24 institutions of higher education which offer associate degrees but not baccalaureate
25 degrees and such programs and institutions shall be supervised and managed by the
26 board. The system shall be comprised of two divisions, the vocational-technical
27 division which shall include all public postsecondary vocational-technical schools

1 and the community college division which shall include the community colleges in
2 the system.

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4 (F) Powers. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges
5 shall have all powers of management over public institutions of postsecondary
6 education under its jurisdiction as provided in Paragraph (A) of this Section,
7 including the following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

8 (1) To plan, coordinate, and exercise budgetary responsibility for such
9 institutions.

10 (2) To revise or eliminate an existing degree program, department of
11 instruction, division, or similar subdivision.

12 (3) To approve, disapprove, or modify a proposed degree program,
13 department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision.

14 (4) To study the need for and feasibility of creating a new institution of
15 postsecondary education under its jurisdiction, which includes establishing a branch
16 of such an institution or merging any institution of postsecondary education into
17 another. If the creation of a new institution or the merger of institutions is proposed
18 by the legislature, the board shall report its written findings and recommendations
19 to the legislature within one year after such a proposal. Only after the report has
20 been filed, or after one year after the legislative proposal if no report is filed, may the
21 legislature take affirmative action on such a proposal and then only by law enacted
22 by two-thirds of the elected members of each house.

23 (5) To formulate and make timely revision of a master plan for
24 postsecondary education within its jurisdiction. As a minimum, the plan shall
25 include a formula for equitable distribution of funds to the institutions of
26 postsecondary education under its jurisdiction.

27 (6) To require that each postsecondary education institution submit to it, at
28 a time it specifies, an annual budget proposal for its operational and capital needs.

1 The board shall submit its budget recommendations for all of its institutions. It shall
2 recommend priorities for capital construction and improvements.

3 (7) To meet with the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees and the
4 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at least twice a year to
5 coordinate programs of public elementary, secondary, vocational-technical, career,
6 and higher education.

7 (8) To work cooperatively with the Louisiana University System Board of
8 Trustees on all matters affecting responsibilities shared by both boards.

9 G. The board shall comply with any decision of a commission created by the
10 legislature to resolve disputes between itself and the Louisiana University System
11 Board of Trustees.

12 §8. Boards; Membership; Compensation

13 Section 8.

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15 (B) Student Membership. The legislature may provide for the membership
16 of one student on the ~~boards created by Sections 5, 6 and 7 of this Article~~ Louisiana
17 University System Board of Trustees and the Board of Supervisors of Community
18 and Technical Colleges. The term of a student member shall not exceed one year,
19 and no student member shall be eligible to succeed himself. A student member shall
20 have all of the privileges and rights of other board members.

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22 §16. Public Hospitals

23 Section 16. Notwithstanding any provision of this Article to the contrary, the
24 legislature may provide by law for the supervision, operation, and management of
25 public hospitals and their programs ~~by the Board of Regents or by any board having~~
26 powers of management over public institutions of higher education created by this
27 constitution or pursuant to this Article. Such laws may include but shall not be
28 limited to laws providing for the submission and approval of capital and operating
29 budgets, appropriations and expenditures, the supervision, management, and

1 oversight of the hospitals and their programs, and legislative review and disapproval
2 of related rules. This Section shall not apply to institutions and programs operated
3 or managed prior to January 1, 1997, by any higher education management board
4 created by this Article.

5 Section 4. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the
6 members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of
7 the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a
8 proposal to add Part IV of Article XIV of the Constitution of Louisiana, to be comprised of
9 Section 41, to read as follows:

10 PART IV

11 §41. Louisiana University System Board of Trustees; Implementation

12 On July 1, 2015, the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees, referred
13 to in this Section as the "Trustees", is created, and the Board of Regents, the Board
14 of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural College, the Board of
15 Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural College, and the Board of
16 Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System are abolished and on that date,
17 except as inconsistent with the provisions of the constitution creating the Trustees,
18 the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of such abolished boards are
19 transferred to the Trustees, except that the powers, duties, functions and
20 responsibilities of the Board of Regents are transferred to Trustees and also to the
21 Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges insofar as they apply
22 to the institutions and programs under their respective jurisdiction. The legislature
23 shall elect the initial members of the Trustees not later than June 1, 2015; the
24 Louisiana House of Representatives shall elect sixteen members and the Louisiana
25 Senate shall elect sixteen members. Eight initial members elected by the House of
26 Representatives and eight initial members elected by the Senate shall serve two-year
27 terms, and eight initial members elected by the House of Representatives and eight
28 initial members elected by the Senate shall serve four-year terms, such terms to be
29 designated by each house of the legislature at the time the members are elected. The

1 legislature shall provide by law, not inconsistent with this constitutional amendment
2 creating the Trustees, for the implementation of such amendment and for the transfer
3 of such powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities.

4 Section 5. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
5 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
6 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to repeal
7 Article VIII, Sections 6 and 7 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

8 Section 6. Be it further resolved that the provisions of this amendment shall become
9 effective on July 1, 2015, except that the provisions of Article XIV, Section 41 contained in
10 this amendment shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

11 Section 7. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
12 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
13 2014.

14 Section 8. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
15 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
16 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
17 follows:

18 Do you support an amendment to create the Louisiana University System
19 Board of Trustees as a single board to supervise and manage Louisiana's
20 public colleges and universities that issue baccalaureate degrees or higher,
21 or both; to provide for the powers of the Louisiana University System Board
22 of Trustees and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical
23 Colleges; and to abolish the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors for
24 the University of Louisiana System, Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State
25 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of
26 Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College
27 (Effective July 1, 2015, except provisions for election of the members of the
28 Board of Trustees are effective on January 1, 2015) (Amends Article IV,
29 Section 22(A), Article VII, Section 10.1(C)(1) and (3) and

1 (D)(1)(introductory paragraph) and 10.4(B)(1), (3), and (4), and Article VIII,
 2 Sections 5, 7.1(A)(1), 8(B), and 16; Adds Article VIII, Section 7.1(F) and
 3 Article XIV, Section 41; Repeals Article VIII, Sections 6 and 7)

DIGEST

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HB No. 528

Abstract: Creates the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees to supervise and manage Louisiana's public colleges and universities that issue baccalaureate degrees or higher; abolishes the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and provides for the powers of the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

Present constitution establishes the Board of Regents to plan, coordinate, and have budgetary responsibility for all public postsecondary education. Provides that the board is comprised of two members from each congressional district and one member from the state at large, all appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, for staggered six-year terms.

Present constitution creates the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College all having supervision and management of certain "four-year" colleges and universities and, in the case of the LSU and SU boards, statewide agricultural programs and other programs administered through their systems. Provides that each board is comprised of two members from each congressional district and one member from the state at large, all appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, for staggered six-year terms.

Present constitution specifies the powers of the Board of Regents. Provides that powers of management over public institutions of postsecondary education not specifically vested by the constitution in the Board of Regents are reserved to the management boards as to the institutions under the control of each.

Proposed constitutional amendment abolishes the Board of Regents and the three management boards of four-year colleges and universities. Creates instead the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees. Provides that the board is comprised of 32 members elected by the legislature to serve staggered four-year terms, with eight members to be elected by the House of Representatives and eight members to be elected by the Senate in the regular legislative session held in an odd-numbered year. Terms begin on July 1 following election.

Present constitution creates and provides for the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, which is the management board for two-year colleges. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for the powers and duties of the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees and the Board of Supervisors of Community and

Technical Colleges. Grants the board of trustees the powers of supervision and management of institutions and programs of the LSU board, the SU board, and the UL board to be abolished by proposed constitutional amendment. Generally provides that both boards exercise the powers and duties of the Board of Regents being abolished by proposed constitutional amendment, with respect to their respective institutions, including authority:

- (1) To plan, coordinate, and exercise budgetary responsibility for such institutions.
- (2) To revise or eliminate an existing degree program, department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision.
- (3) To approve, disapprove, or modify a proposed degree program, department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision.
- (4) To study the need for and feasibility of creating a new institution of postsecondary education under its jurisdiction, which includes establishing a branch of such an institution or merging any institution of postsecondary education into another. If the creation of a new institution or the merger of institutions is proposed by the legislature, the board shall report its written findings and recommendations to the legislature within one year after such a proposal. Only after the report has been filed, or after one year after the legislative proposal if no report is filed, may the legislature take affirmative action on such a proposal and then only by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house.
- (5) To formulate and make timely revision of a master plan for postsecondary education within its jurisdiction. At a minimum, the plan shall include a formula for equitable distribution of funds to the institutions of postsecondary education under its jurisdiction.
- (6) To require that each institution submit to it, at a time it specifies, an annual budget proposal for its operational and capital needs. The board shall submit its budget recommendations for all of its institutions. It shall recommend priorities for capital construction and improvements.
- (7) To meet with the other board and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at least twice a year to coordinate programs of public elementary, secondary, vocational-technical, career, and higher education.
- (8) To work cooperatively with the other board on all matters affecting responsibilities shared by both boards.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires the two boards to comply with any decision of a commission created by the legislature to resolve disputes between them.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution provisions for limitations of the terms a member may serve, not more than two and one-half in three consecutive terms, and makes them applicable to the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees.

Present constitution provides for appropriation of the total amount intended for higher education from the Education Quality Support Fund to the Board of Regents.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for appropriation of such funds to the Louisiana University System Board of Trustees and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

Relative to transition, proposed constitutional amendment provides that July 1, 2015, the Louisiana System Board of Trustees, the "Trustees" is created, and the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural College, the Board

of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural College, and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System are abolished and on that date, except as inconsistent with the amendment, the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of such abolished boards are transferred to the Trustees, except that the powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the Board of Regents are transferred to Trustees and also to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges insofar as they apply to the institutions and programs under their respective jurisdiction. Provides that the legislature shall elect the initial members of the Trustees not later than June 1, 2015. Provides that each house shall elect 16 initial members, eight to serve two-year terms and eight to serve four-year terms as designated by the respective house at the time of the election. Requires the legislature to provide by law for the implementation of the amendment and for the transfer of such powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 4, 2014.

Effective July 1, 2015, except provisions for election of initial members of the Board of Trustees are effective Jan. 1, 2015.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, §22(A), Art. VII, §§ 10.1(C)(1) and (3) and (D)(1)(intro. para.) and 10.4(B)(1), (3), and (4), and Art. VIII, §§5, 7.1(A)(1), 8(B), and 16; Adds Art. VIII, § 7.1(F) and Art. XIV §41; Repeals Art. VIII, §§ 6 and 7)