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2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 575

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

CONSTITUTION/AMENDMENT: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to civil service status of workers' compensation judges

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2	Proposing to amend Article X, Sections 2(B)(12) and (13) and to add Article X, Section
3	2(B)(14) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to workers'
4	compensation judges; to provide for the civil service status of workers' compensation
5	judges appointed on or after a specified date; to provide for submission of the
6	proposed amendment 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 X, Sections 2(B)(12) and (13) and to add Article X, Section 2(B)(14) of the
11	Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
12	§2. Classified and Unclassified Service
13	* * *
14	(B) Unclassified Service. The unclassified service shall include the
15	following officers and employees in the state and city civil service:
16	* * *
17	(12) railroad employees whose working conditions and retirement benefits
18	are regulated by federal agencies in accordance with federal law; and
19	(13) the director, deputy director, and all employees of the Governor's Office
20	of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness:; and

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I	(14) workers' compensation judges appointed on or after January 1, 2017.
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3	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
4	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,
5	2016.
6	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
7	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
8	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
9	follows:
10	Do you support an amendment to provide that workers' compensation judges
11	appointed on or after January 1, 2017, would be in the unclassified service
12	of state civil service? (Amends Article X, Sections 2(B)(12) and (13); Adds
13	Article X, Section 2(B)(14))

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that workers' compensation judges appointed on or after Jan. 1, 2017, shall be in the unclassified service.

Present constitution provides for state civil service and provides that persons not in the unclassified service are in the classified service. Present constitution specifies those officers and employees who are in the unclassified service, specifically elected officials and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices; the heads of each principal executive department appointed by the governor; members of state boards, authorities, and commissions; one private secretary to the president of each college or university; one person holding a confidential position and one principal assistant or deputy to any officer, board, commission, or authority so included in the unclassified service, except civil service departments; members of the military or naval forces; teaching and professional staffs, and administrative officers of schools, colleges, and universities of the state, and bona fide students of those institutions employed by any state, parochial, or municipal agency; employees, deputies, and officers of the legislature and of the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and of all offices provided for in Const. Art. V except the offices of clerk of the municipal and traffic courts in New Orleans; commissioners of elections, watchers, and custodians, and deputy custodians of voting machines; railroad employees whose working conditions and retirement benefits are regulated by federal agencies in accordance with federal law; and the director, deputy director, and all employees of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Present constitution provides that the state civil service commission, by rule, may add positions to the unclassified service and may revoke positions so added.

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<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains <u>present constitution</u> but additionally provides that workers' compensation judges appointed on or after Jan. 1, 2017, shall be in the unclassified service.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. X, §§2(B)(12) and (13); Adds Const. Art. X, §2(B)(14))