

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND BROSSETT

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Requests the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee to study the advisability of requiring the Orleans Parish registrar of voters to serve for a term of office concurrent with the term of office of the members of the city council

1  A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2      To authorize and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the  
3                Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a  
4                joint committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the advisability  
5                of requiring the Orleans Parish registrar of voters to serve for a term of office  
6                concurrent with the term of office of the members of the city council of the city of  
7                New Orleans.

8                WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the  
9                governing authority of each parish to appoint a registrar of voters, whose powers and  
10               functions are provided by law; and

11               WHEREAS, R.S. 18:58 provides that the registrar, under the direction of the  
12               secretary of state, shall be responsible for the registration of voters in the parish, the  
13               administration and enforcement of the laws and the rules and regulations of the secretary of  
14               state regarding the registration of voters, and conducting absentee by mail and early voting  
15               in the parish; and

16               WHEREAS, the members of the city council of the city of New Orleans, which  
17               appoints the registrar of voters, serve for a fixed term of office, as do most public officials,  
18               but the registrar does not serve for a term; and

1           WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that a  
2 registrar can be removed only for cause and prohibits the legislature from providing for the  
3 removal from office of a registrar by the appointing authority; and

4           WHEREAS, R.S. 18:53(A) provides that a registrar may be removed "by the State  
5 Board of Election Supervisors for willful misconduct relating to his official duty, willful and  
6 persistent failure to perform his duty, persistent public conduct prejudicial to the  
7 administration of the laws relative to the registration of voters that brings the office into  
8 disrepute, or conviction of a felony."

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 authorize and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the  
11 Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint  
12 committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the advisability of requiring  
13 the Orleans Parish registrar of voters to serve for a term of office concurrent with the term  
14 of office of the members of the city council of the city of New Orleans.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report its findings and  
16 recommendations to the legislature not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the  
17 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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#### DIGEST

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HCR No. 113

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#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original resolution.

1. Limits the proposed study to Orleans Parish.