

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 185

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Election Supervisors to study the issue of persons with disabilities serving as commissioners and to report study findings and recommendations to the House and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee no later than January 15, 2016.

WHEREAS, commissioners conduct primary and general elections at each polling place in the state; and

WHEREAS, commissioners are required to be registered voters in the parish in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, provisions in the Louisiana Election Code allow a person who has a physical disability to receive assistance in registering to vote and in voting; and

WHEREAS, the law, however, does not allow a person to serve as a commissioner if the person is entitled to receive assistance in voting; and

WHEREAS, there have been concerns expressed regarding potential shortages of commissioners.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Election Supervisors to study the issue of persons with disabilities serving as commissioners and to report study findings and recommendations to the House and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee no later than January 15, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Election Supervisors to seek input, recommendations, and advice from the Advocacy Center.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE