

SENATE BILL NO. 21

BY SENATOR GUILLORY

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(2), Article X, Section 29(C), and Article XIII,
3 Section 1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to Acts of the legislature
4 relative to public retirement systems; to provide relative to the prefiling deadline for
5 retirement legislation; to provide relative to the public notice requirement for
6 retirement legislation; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the
7 electors; and to provide a ballot proposition.

8 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

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 III, Section 2(A)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

13 §2. Sessions

14 Section 2.(A) Annual Session.

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16 ~~(2) Any bill to be introduced in either house shall be prefiled no later than~~
17 ~~five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular~~
18 ~~session; thereafter no member of the legislature may introduce more than five bills,~~
19 ~~except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature. (a) No member of the~~
20 ~~legislature may introduce more than five bills that were not prefiled, except as~~
21 ~~provided in the joint rules of the legislature.~~

22 (b) Except as provided in Subsubparagraph (c) of this Subparagraph,

1 any bill that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled
2 no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the
3 first day of a regular session.

4 (c) Any bill to effect any change in laws relating to any retirement
5 system for public employees that is to be prefiled for introduction in either
6 house shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth
7 calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

8 (d) The legislature is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures
9 for passage of duplicate or companion instruments.

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11 Section 2. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the
12 members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of
13 the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a
14 proposal to amend Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as
15 follows:

16 §29. Retirement and Survivor's Benefits

17 Section 29.

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19 (C) Retirement Systems; Change; Notice. No proposal to effect any change
20 in existing laws or constitutional provisions relating to any retirement system for
21 public employees shall be introduced in the legislature unless notice of intention to
22 introduce the proposal has been published, without cost to the state, in the official
23 state journal on two separate days. The last day of publication shall be at least ~~thirty~~
24 **sixty** days before introduction of the bill. The notice shall state the substance of the
25 contemplated law or proposal, and the bill shall contain a recital that the notice has
26 been given.

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28 Section 3. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds
29 of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the
30 electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner

1 provided by law, a proposal to amend Article XIII, Section 1(A) of the Constitution
2 of Louisiana, to read as follows:

3 §1. Amendments

4 Section 1.(A)(1) Procedure. An amendment to this constitution may be
5 proposed by joint resolution at any regular session of the legislature, but the
6 resolution shall be prefiled, at least ten days before the beginning of the session or
7 as provided in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, in accordance with the rules
8 of the house in which introduced. An amendment to this constitution may be
9 proposed at any extraordinary session of the legislature if it is within the objects of
10 the call of the session and is introduced in the first five calendar days thereof. If
11 two-thirds of the elected members of each house concur in the resolution, pursuant
12 to all of the procedures and formalities required for passage of a bill except
13 submission to the governor, the secretary of state shall have the proposed amendment
14 published once in the official journal of each parish within not less than thirty nor
15 more than sixty days preceding the election at which the proposed amendment is to
16 be submitted to the electors. Each joint resolution shall specify the statewide
17 election at which the proposed amendment shall be submitted. Special elections for
18 submitting proposed amendments may be authorized by law.

19 (2) Any joint resolution proposed at a regular session of the legislature
20 which effects any change in constitutional provisions relating to any retirement
21 system for public employees shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the
22 evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior to the first day of session.

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24 Section 4. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
25 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,
26 2012.

27 Section 5. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
28 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
29 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
30 follows:

1 Do you support an amendment to require legislation effecting any change to
2 laws concerning retirement systems for public employees that is to be
3 prefiled to be filed no later than forty-five days before the start of a regular
4 legislative session and to require the completion of public notice
5 requirements regarding legislation effecting such a change no later than sixty
6 days before introduction of the bill? (Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(2),
7 Article X, Section 29(C), and Article XIII, Section 1(A))

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES