

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 44

BY SENATOR FIELDS

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Constitutional amendment to allow the governor to appoint a graduate of a public postsecondary education institution who resides out-of-state to the management board of the institution. (2/3 - CA13s1(A)) (Item #42)

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Sections 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the membership of postsecondary education boards of supervisors; to authorize the governor to appoint graduates of a Louisiana postsecondary education institution who reside out-of-state to the board of supervisors of the institution under certain circumstances; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Sections 6, 7, and 7.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§6. Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System

Section 6. * * *

(B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of fifteen members; ~~of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and the remaining member or members shall be from the state at large;~~ appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate. **Two members shall be from each congressional district.**

1 selected and appointed by the governor shall be appointed with the consent of the
 2 Senate. Of those members selected and appointed by the governor, there shall be two
 3 members from each congressional district and the remaining member or members
 4 from the state at large. **However, if there is more than one at-large member, at**
 5 **least one at-large member shall be a resident of the state and, upon**
 6 **recommendation of the board, the remaining at-large member or members may**
 7 **reside out-of-state provided the appointee graduated from a postsecondary**
 8 **education institution under the management of the board, as provided by law.**

9 The board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to
 10 ensure diversity. The members selected and appointed by the governor shall serve
 11 terms of six years, except that the initial members shall serve terms as provided by
 12 law.

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14 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 15 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on December 5,
 16 2020.

17 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
 18 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 19 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 20 follows:

21 Do you support an amendment to allow the governor to appoint a graduate
 22 of a Louisiana postsecondary education institution who resides out-of-state
 23 as an at-large member of a public postsecondary education board of
 24 supervisors, as provided by law?

25 (Amends Article VIII, Sections 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

DIGEST

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Present constitution provides that the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana

System, the Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be composed of fifteen members. Two members shall be from each congressional district and the remaining member or members shall be from the state at large, appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate.

Present constitution provides that the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by the governor, as provided by law. In addition, the board shall have two student members as provided by law. All members selected and appointed by the governor shall be appointed with the consent of the Senate. Of those members selected and appointed by the governor, there shall be two members from each congressional district and the remaining member or members from the state at large.

Proposed constitution provides that if there is more than one at-large member, at least one at-large member shall be a resident of the state, and upon recommendation of the board, the remaining at-large member or members may reside out-of-state provided the appointee graduated from a postsecondary education institution under the management of the board, as provided by law.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on December 5, 2020.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1))