

First Extraordinary Session, 1998

SENATE BILL NO. 57

BY SENATORS DARDENNE, EWING, HAINKEL, BARHAM AND
ROMERO AND REPRESENTATIVES DOWNER,
DEWITT AND MCMAINS

HIGHER EDUCATION. Constitutional amendment to eliminate an existing conflict in the membership of the Board of Regents and to provide for the membership in the same manner as the management boards.

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 5(B) of the Constitution of
3 Louisiana, relative to the Board of Regents; to provide for the number
4 of members on the board and the required distribution of the
5 gubernatorial appointment of such members to the board; and to specify
6 an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a
7 ballot proposition.

8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of
9 the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted
10 to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner
11 provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 5(B) of the
12 Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

13 §5. Board of Regents

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15 (B) Membership; Terms. The board shall ~~consist of fifteen~~
16 electors **be composed of two members from each congressional**

1 **district and one from the state at large** appointed by the governor,
2 with consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of six years,
3 following initial terms which shall be fixed by law. ~~At least one~~
4 ~~member, but no more than two members, shall be appointed from each~~
5 ~~congressional district.~~

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7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be
8 submitted to the electors of the state at the congressional primary election to
9 be held in 1998.

10 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used
11 at the election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of
12 the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the
13 Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

14 To eliminate the conflict in the distribution of gubernatorial
15 appointments to the Board of Regents from fifteen members
16 with no more than two from any congressional district by
17 providing for the board to be composed of two members from
18 each congressional district and one at large without specifying
19 a total number. (Amends Article VIII, Section 5(B))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Diane M. Burkhart.

Dardenne (SB 57) DIGEST

Present constitution provides for the Board of Regents to consist of 15 electors, no more than two of whom may be appointed from any one congressional district.

Proposed constitutional amendment revises the distribution of membership by providing as the constitution does for all three management boards for two members from each congressional district and one from the state at large without establishing a fixed total number of members.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the congressional primary election in 1998.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, Section 5(B))