

First Extraordinary Session, 1998

SENATE BILL NO. 57

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

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 5(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the Board of Regents; to provide for the number of members on the board and the required distribution of the gubernatorial appointment of such members to the board; 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, Section 5(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§5. Board of Regents

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(B) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of two members from each congressional district and one from the state at large appointed by the governor, with consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms which shall be fixed by law. The board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity.

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be

submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election scheduled to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 1998.

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

To eliminate the conflict in the distribution of gubernatorial appointments to the Board of Regents currently providing for fifteen members with at least one but no more than two from any congressional district by providing for the board to be composed of two members from each congressional district and one at large without specifying a total number, and to provide that the board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity. (Amends Article VIII, Section 5(B))

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES