

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

BY REPRESENTATIVES FOIL AND CARMODY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: (Constitutional Amendment) Exempts public postsecondary education fees from requirements for imposing a new or increasing an existing fee

A JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Proposing to add Article VII, Section 2.1(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to

3 requirements in relation to the imposition of or increase in fees and civil fines; to

4 provide exceptions relative to public postsecondary education fees; to provide for

5 submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related

6 matters.

7 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members

8 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of

9 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add

10 Article VII, Section 2.1(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§2.1. Fees and Civil Fines; Limitation; Exceptions

Section 2.1.

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14 (C) The provisions of Paragraph (A) of this Section do not apply to fees

15 charged by a postsecondary education institution, excluding tuition.

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

17 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 24,

18 2015.

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

5 Do you support an amendment to exempt public higher education from the
6 requirement that the imposition of a new student fee or fee increase, other
7 than tuition, requires the enactment of a law by the legislature? (Adds
8 Article VII, Section 2.1(C))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes fees charged by institutions of higher education from constitutional provisions requiring law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the legislature.

Present constitution requires that all new fees or increases of existing fees imposed by the state or any board, department, or agency of the state be enacted by a two-thirds vote of the legislature. This provision of present constitution applies to tuition and fees charged to students attending public institutions of higher education.

Proposed constitutional amendment exempts from this requirement new or increased fees, excluding tuition, charged to students attending public institutions of higher education.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 24, 2015.

(Adds Article VII, Section 2.1(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that the constitutional amendment will be submitted to the electors for voting at the statewide election on Oct. 24, 2015.