

1 **be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth calendar**
2 **day prior to the first day of a regular session.**

3 (b) Any bill **other than a bill to effect any change in laws relating to any**
4 **retirement system for public employees** to be introduced in either house shall be
5 prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the
6 first day of a regular ~~session~~; **session.**

7 (c) ~~thereafter~~ **After five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day**
8 **prior to the first day of a regular session** no member of the legislature may
9 introduce more than five bills, except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature.
10 The legislature is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures for passage
11 of duplicate or companion instruments.

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

18 §29. Retirement and Survivor's Benefits

19 Section 29.

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

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1 Section 3. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds
2 of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the
3 electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner
4 provided by law, a proposal to amend Article XIII, Section 1(A) of the Constitution
5 of Louisiana, to read as follows:

6 §1. Amendments

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

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

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27 Section 4. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
28 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,
29 2012.

1 Section 5. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
2 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
3 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
4 read as follows:

5 To require legislation effecting any change to laws concerning retirement
6 systems for public employees to be filed no later than forty-five days before
7 the start of a regular legislative session and to require the completion of
8 public notice requirements regarding such bills no later than sixty days
9 before introduction of the bill. (Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(2), Article
10 X, Section 29(C), and Article XIII, Section 1(A))

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

DIGEST

Present constitution requires proposed legislation to be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution for all proposed legislation except prefiled bills effecting a change in retirement systems for public employees. Proposed constitutional amendment requires retirement instruments that are prefiled to be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

Present constitution provides that, with limited exception, after five o'clock on the tenth calendar day prior to session, no legislator may introduce more than five bills. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution requires public notice to be given of intent to introduce legislation effecting public retirement systems, the last date of publication of such notice to be at least 30 days prior to introduction of the bill.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires public notice to be given of intent to introduce legislation effecting public retirement systems, the last date of publication of such notice to be at least 60 days prior to introduction of the bill.

Present constitution requires any joint resolution to amend the constitution to be filed at least 10 calendar days prior to the beginning of a regular session. Proposed constitutional amendment requires all joint resolutions effecting retirement systems to be prefiled no later than the forty-fifth day prior to the first day of session.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A)(2), Art. XIII, §1(A) and Art. X, §29(C))