

SENATE BILL NO. 21

BY SENATOR GUILLORY

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(2), Article X, Section 29(C), and Article XIII, Section 1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to Acts of the legislature relative to public retirement systems; to provide relative to the prefiling deadline for retirement legislation; to provide relative to the public notice requirement for retirement legislation; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide a ballot proposition.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

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 of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§2. Sessions

Section 2.(A) Annual Session.

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~~(2) Any bill to be introduced in either house shall 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; thereafter no member of the legislature may introduce more than five bills, except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature.~~ **(a) No member of the legislature may introduce more than five bills that were not prefiled, except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature.**

**(b) Except as provided in Subsubparagraph (c) of this Subparagraph,**

1 any bill that is to be prefiled for introduction in either house shall be prefiled  
2 no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the  
3 first day of a regular session.

4 (c) Any bill to effect any change in laws relating to any retirement  
5 system for public employees that is to be prefiled for introduction in either  
6 house shall be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth  
7 calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

8 (d) The legislature is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures  
9 for passage of duplicate or companion instruments.

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

16 §29. Retirement and Survivor's Benefits

17 Section 29.

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

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28 Section 3. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds  
29 of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the  
30 electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner

1 provided by law, a proposal to amend Article XIII, Section 1(A) of the Constitution  
2 of Louisiana, to read as follows:

3 §1. Amendments

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

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

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24 Section 4. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
25 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,  
26 2012.

27 Section 5. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election  
28 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
29 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
30 follows:

1 Do you support an amendment to require legislation effecting any change to  
2 laws concerning retirement systems for public employees that is to be  
3 prefiled to be filed no later than forty-five days before the start of a regular  
4 legislative session and to require the completion of public notice  
5 requirements regarding legislation effecting such a change no later than sixty  
6 days before introduction of the bill? (Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(2),  
7 Article X, Section 29(C), and Article XIII, Section 1(A))

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES