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## DIGEST

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HB 575 Original

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Broadwater

**Abstract:** Provides that workers' compensation judges appointed on or after Jan. 1, 2017, shall be in the unclassified service.

Present constitution provides for state civil service and provides that persons not in the unclassified service are in the classified service. Present constitution specifies those officers and employees who are in the unclassified service, specifically elected officials and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices; the heads of each principal executive department appointed by the governor; members of state boards, authorities, and commissions; one private secretary to the president of each college or university; one person holding a confidential position and one principal assistant or deputy to any officer, board, commission, or authority so included in the unclassified service, except civil service departments; members of the military or naval forces; teaching and professional staffs, and administrative officers of schools, colleges, and universities of the state, and bona fide students of those institutions employed by any state, parochial, or municipal agency; employees, deputies, and officers of the legislature and of the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and of all offices provided for in Const. Art. V except the offices of clerk of the municipal and traffic courts in New Orleans; commissioners of elections, watchers, and custodians, and deputy custodians of voting machines; railroad employees whose working conditions and retirement benefits are regulated by federal agencies in accordance with federal law; and the director, deputy director, and all employees of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Present constitution provides that the state civil service commission, by rule, may add positions to the unclassified service and may revoke positions so added.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution but additionally provides that workers' compensation judges appointed on or after Jan. 1, 2017, shall be in the unclassified service.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. X, §§2(B)(12) and (13); Adds Const. Art. X, §2(B)(14))