



1           WHEREAS, postsecondary education students should be confident that they are  
2 being exposed to the spectrum of viewpoints, including those that are dissenting; that they  
3 are graded solely on the basis of their reasoned answers and appropriate knowledge; and that  
4 faculty members are not using their courses for the purposes of political, ideological,  
5 religious, or antireligious indoctrination; and

6           WHEREAS, just as thoughts on academic freedom on other topics are premised on  
7 the ideas that knowledge is a never-ending pursuit of truth, that there is no truth that is not  
8 in principle open to challenge and change, and that no party or intellectual faction has a  
9 monopoly on wisdom, the role of tenure policy in postsecondary education should be  
10 routinely reviewed and discussed.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12 establish and provide for the Task Force on Tenure in Public Postsecondary Education to  
13 perform an in-depth review of the merits of and need for tenure, to study public  
14 postsecondary tenure policies, and to propose any recommendations regarding tenure  
15 policies, including any specific proposals for legislation, by written report to the legislature  
16 and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and  
17 772, no later than March 1, 2023.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following  
19 members:

20           (1) The president of the Senate or his designee, who shall serve as the chairman of  
21 the task force.

22           (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

23           (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education or his designee.

24           (4) The chairman of the House Committee on Education or his designee.

25           (5) Two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

26           (6) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
27 House of Representatives.

28           (7) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.

29           (8) The president of each public postsecondary education management board or his  
30 designee.

