

1 (C) Reports; Allocation. (1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary
 2 Education and the ~~Board of Regents~~ management boards of the Louisiana
 3 Community and Technical College System, Louisiana State University System,
 4 Southern University System, and University of Louisiana System shall annually
 5 submit to the legislature and the governor not less than sixty days prior to the
 6 beginning of each regular session of the legislature a proposed program and budget
 7 for the expenditure of the monies in the Support Fund. Proposals for such
 8 expenditures shall be designed to improve the quality of education and shall
 9 specifically designate those monies to be used for administrative costs, as defined
 10 and authorized by law.

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12 (3) The legislature shall appropriate the total amount intended for higher
 13 educational purposes to the ~~Board of Regents~~ management boards of the Louisiana
 14 Community and Technical College System, Louisiana State University System,
 15 Southern University System, and University of Louisiana System and the total
 16 amount intended for elementary and secondary educational purposes to the State
 17 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education which boards shall allocate the
 18 monies so appropriated to the programs as previously approved by the legislature.

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20 (D) Disbursement; Higher Education and Elementary and Secondary
 21 Education. (1) The treasurer shall disburse not more than fifty percent of the monies
 22 in the Support Fund as that money is appropriated by the legislature and allocated by
 23 the ~~Board of Regents~~ management boards of the Louisiana Community and
 24 Technical College System, Louisiana State University System, Southern University
 25 System, and University of Louisiana System for any or all of the following higher
 26 educational purposes to enhance economic development:

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28 Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
 29 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of

1 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add
2 Article VIII, Section 5.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

3 §5.1. Abolition of the Board of Regents

4 Section 5.1. The Board of Regents shall be abolished effective January 1,
5 2028. The legislature shall provide by law for the transfer or repeal of the powers,
6 duties, functions, and responsibilities of the board.

7 Section 3. 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
10 amend Article VIII, Section 6(A), Section 7(A), Section 7.1(A), and Section 16 of the
11 Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

12 §6. Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System

13 Section 6.(A) Creation; Functions. The Board of Supervisors for the
14 University of Louisiana System is created as a body corporate. ~~Subject to powers~~
15 ~~vested by this Article in the Board of Regents, it~~ The board shall have supervision
16 and management of state colleges and universities not managed by a higher
17 education board created by or under this Article.

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19 §7. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
20 Mechanical College; Board of Supervisors of Southern University and
21 Agricultural and Mechanical College

22 Section 7.(A) Creation; Powers. The Board of Supervisors of Louisiana
23 State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Board of
24 Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College are
25 created as bodies corporate. ~~Subject to powers vested by this Article in the Board~~
26 ~~of Regents, each~~ Each board shall supervise and manage the institutions, statewide
27 agricultural programs, and other programs administered through its system.

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29 §7.1. Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges

1 Section 5. Be it resolved that the provisions of this amendment shall become
2 effective on January 1, 2028, except that the provisions of Article VIII, Section 5.1 contained
3 in this amendment shall become effective on January 1, 2027.

4 Section 6. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
5 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
6 2026.

7 Section 7. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
8 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
9 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
10 follows:

11 Do you support an amendment to abolish the Board of Regents? (Effective
12 January 1, 2028, except provisions requiring the legislature to provide for
13 transfer of board functions, which are effective January 1, 2027.) (Amends
14 Article VII, Section 10.1(C)(1) and (3) and (D)(1)(introductory paragraph),
15 and Article VIII, Section 6(A), Section 7(A), Section 7.1(A), and Section 16;
16 Adds Article VIII, Section 5.1; Repeals Article IV, Section 22(A)(3), and
17 Article VIII, Section 5)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Abolishes the Bd. of Regents.

Present constitution establishes the Bd. of Regents to oversee all of public postsecondary education in the state, including planning, coordinating, and having budgetary responsibility. Consists of 15 members, no more than two of whom may be appointed from any one congressional district, and the remaining member or members required to be from the state at large and appointed by the governor.

Present constitution establishes and provides for four public postsecondary education management boards.

Proposed constitutional amendment, to be proposed for approval by the electorate at the November 3, 2026, election, abolishes the Bd. of Regents. Requires the legislature to provide by law for the transfer or repeal of the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the board.

Present constitution provides for the supervision, operation, and management of public hospitals and programs by the Bd. of Regents or by any board having powers of management of public institutions of higher education. Proposed constitutional amendment removes such power from the Bd. of Regents.

Present constitution establishes the Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund within the state treasury, the entirety of which is required to be appropriated by the legislature, half of which is required to be allocated by the Bd. of Regents for higher educational purposes, and half of which is required to be allocated to the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education for elementary and secondary educational purposes.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires the half of the monies designated for higher educational purposes to go directly to the four management boards.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2028, except provisions requiring the legislature to provide for the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the board are effective January 1, 2027.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §10.1(C)(1) and (3) and (D)(1)(intro. para.), §6(A), §7(A), §7.1(A), and §16; Adds Art. VIII §5.1; Repeals Const. Art. IV, §22(A)(3) and Art. VIII, §5)