
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)