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## ORIGINAL

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY SENATOR BISHOP

CIVIC EDUCATION. Requests the secretary of state and the state Department of Education to work together to develop age-appropriate, nonpartisan voter education materials to be used by all students in grades 3-12.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the secretary of state and the state Department of Education to work
3	together to develop age-appropriate, nonpartisan voter education materials to be used
4	by all students in grades three through twelve.
5	WHEREAS, in order for America's government to be a representative democracy
6	which is of the people, by the people, and for the people, individuals must be enabled to take
7	advantage of their right to vote; and
8	WHEREAS, participation in the democratic process of voting provides citizens with
9	a feeling of empowerment; and
10	WHEREAS, an educated and motivated voter is predicated on a citizen being well-
11	informed about his right to vote, how to register to vote, and how to vote in elections; and
12	WHEREAS, it is the "policy of the state of Louisiana to encourage full participation
13	in voting by all citizens of the state"; and
14	WHEREAS, the secretary of state is to "develop activities, events, informational
15	posters and pamphlets, and public service announcements for the implementation of an
16	annual voter registration week"; and
17	WHEREAS, the constitutional goal of Louisiana's educational system is to "provide
18	learning environments and experiences in order that every individual may be afforded an

1	equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and	
2	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has enacted several laws to ensure that	
3	students are required to take courses of study that provide instruction on the foundations of	
4	our democratic society; and	
5	WHEREAS, studies have repeatedly shown that early and repeated exposure to such	
6	ideas and concepts has a positive impact on civic and social engagement; and	
7	WHEREAS, to ensure an educated and engaged citizenry in the democratic processes	
8	so critical to the functioning of our state and nation, it is crucial that individuals are prepared	
9	to participate in the voting process on an ongoing basis from an early age.	
10	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana	
11	does hereby urge and request the secretary of state and the state Department of Education	
12	to work together to develop age-appropriate, nonpartisan voter education materials to be	
13	used by all students in grades three through twelve.	
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the	
15	secretary of state, the president of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and	
16	the state superintendent of education.	

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

	DIGEST	
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