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SENATE BILL NO. 44

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COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Constitutional amendment to authorize the governor to appoint persons who reside out-of-state as certain at-large members of public postsecondary education boards of supervisors. (2/3 - CA13s1(A)) (Item #42)

A JOINT RESOLUTION

## 2 Proposing to amend Article VIII, Sections 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1) of the 3 Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the membership of postsecondary education boards of supervisors; to authorize the governor to appoint persons who reside out-4 5 of-state to the boards of supervisors under certain circumstances; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot 6 7 proposition. 8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 9 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for 10 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, 11 Sections 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: §6. Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System 12 13 Section 6. (B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of fifteen members, 14 of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and the remaining 15 member or members shall be from the state at large, appointed by the governor with 16 17 consent of the Senate. Two members shall be from each congressional district.

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1	The remaining member or members shall be from the state at large. However,
2	if there is more than one at-large member, at least one at-large member shall
3	be a resident of the state and, upon recommendation of the board, the
4	remaining at-large member or members may reside out-of-state. The members
5	shall serve overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed by law.
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7	§7. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
8	Mechanical College; Board of Supervisors of Southern University
9	and Agricultural and Mechanical College
10	Section 7. * * *
11	(B)(1) Membership; Terms. Each board shall be composed of fifteen
12	members, of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and the
13	remaining member or members shall be from the state at large, appointed by the
14	governor with consent of the Senate. Two members shall be from each
15	congressional district. The remaining member or members shall be from the
16	state at large. However, if there is more than one at-large member, at least one
17	at-large member shall be a resident of the state and, upon recommendation of
18	the board, the remaining at-large member or members may reside out-of-state.
19	The members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed
20	by law.
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22	§7.1. Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges
23	Section 7.1. * * *
24	(B)(1) Membership; Terms; Initial Membership and Terms. The board shall
25	be composed of fifteen members appointed by the governor, as provided by law. In
26	addition, the board shall have two student members as provided by law. All members
27	selected and appointed by the governor shall be appointed with the consent of the
28	Senate. Of those members selected and appointed by the governor, there shall be two

members from each congressional district and the remaining member or members

1 from the state at large. However, if there is more than one at-large member, at 2 least one at-large member shall be a resident of the state and, upon 3 recommendation of the board, the remaining at-large member or members may **reside out-of-state.** The board should be representative of the state's population by 4 race and gender to ensure diversity. The members selected and appointed by the 5 governor shall serve terms of six years, except that the initial members shall serve 6 7 terms as provided by law. 8 9 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 10 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on April 24, 2021. 11 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election 12 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted 13 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as 14 follows: Do you support an amendment to allow the governor to appoint a person who 15 16 resides out-of-state as an at-large member of a public postsecondary education board of supervisors? 17 18 (Amends Article VIII, Sections 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1))

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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<u>Present constitution</u> provides that the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, the Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be composed of fifteen members. Two members shall be from each congressional district and the remaining member or members shall be from the state at large, appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by the governor, as provided by law. In addition, the board shall have two student members as provided by law. All members selected and appointed by the governor shall be appointed with the consent of the Senate. Of those members selected and appointed by the governor, there shall be two members from each congressional district and the remaining member or members from the state at large.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that when there is more than one at-large

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member, at least one at-large member shall be a resident of the state, and upon recommendation of the board, the governor may appoint persons who reside out-of-state as the remaining at-large member or members.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on April 24, 2021.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

## Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Removes the requirement that the out-of-state at-large members must be alumni.
- 2. Changes date for the statewide election.