

SENATE BILL NO. 44

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1 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  
4 boards of supervisors; to authorize the governor to appoint persons who reside  
5 out-of-state to the boards of supervisors under certain circumstances; and to specify  
6 an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot  
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:

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

13 Section 6. \* \* \*

14 (B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of fifteen members;  
15 ~~of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and the remaining~~  
16 ~~member or members shall be from the state at large;~~ appointed by the governor with  
17 consent of the Senate. **Two members shall be from each congressional district.**  
18 **The remaining member or members shall be from the state at large. However,**  
19 **if there is more than one at-large member, at least one at-large member shall**  
20 **be a resident of the state and, upon recommendation of the board, the**  
21 **remaining at-large member or members may reside out-of-state.** The members  
22 shall serve overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed by law.

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1 §7. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and  
 2 Mechanical College; Board of Supervisors of Southern University  
 3 and Agricultural and Mechanical College

4 Section 7. \* \* \*

5 (B)(1) Membership; Terms. Each board shall be composed of fifteen  
 6 members, ~~of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and the~~  
 7 ~~remaining member or members shall be from the state at large,~~ appointed by the  
 8 governor with consent of the Senate. **Two members shall be from each**  
 9 **congressional district. The remaining member or members shall be from the**  
 10 **state at large. However, if there is more than one at-large member, at least one**  
 11 **at-large member shall be a resident of the state and, upon recommendation of**  
 12 **the board, the remaining at-large member or members may reside out-of-state.**

13 The members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed  
 14 by law.

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16 §7.1. Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges

17 Section 7.1. \* \* \*

18 (B)(1) Membership; Terms; Initial Membership and Terms. The board shall  
 19 be composed of fifteen members appointed by the governor, as provided by law. In  
 20 addition, the board shall have two student members as provided by law. All members  
 21 selected and appointed by the governor shall be appointed with the consent of the  
 22 Senate. Of those members selected and appointed by the governor, there shall be two  
 23 members from each congressional district and the remaining member or members  
 24 from the state at large. **However, if there is more than one at-large member, at**  
 25 **least one at-large member shall be a resident of the state and, upon**  
 26 **recommendation of the board, the remaining at-large member or members may**  
 27 **reside out-of-state.** The board should be representative of the state's population by  
 28 race and gender to ensure diversity. The members selected and appointed by the  
 29 governor shall serve terms of six years, except that the initial members shall serve  
 30 terms as provided by law.

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on December 5, 2020.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to allow the governor to appoint a person who resides out-of-state to serve as an at-large member of a public postsecondary education board of supervisors?

(Amends Article VIII, Sections 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1))

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES