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Present constitution lists specific positions to be included in the unclassified service of state and city civil service and authorizes a civil service commission to add additional positions in the unclassified service which may be revoked by rules adopted by a commission.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains the present constitution but authorizes the legislature to also remove positions from the classified state civil service.

Proposed constitutional amendment decreases the term for members, appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate, to the State Civil Service Commission from staggered overlapping terms of six years to staggered overlapping terms of four years.

Present constitution prohibits a person from serving for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms from being appointed for the succeeding term on the commission.

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits a member from serving on the commission for not more than two full terms.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes language that the term limitation does not apply to persons appointed to the commission prior to its effective date of the proposed Constitutional Amendment except for a term of service beginning after that date.

Present constitution provides for nominations of persons to serve on the State Civil Service Commission as follows:

- (1) The six university presidents of Centenary College, Dillard, Louisiana College, Loyola University, Tulane University, and Xavier University each nominate up to three nominees.
- (2) The governor appoints one person from those nominated by each president for a total of six appointees.
- (3) A seventh commission member is elected by the classified employees of the state from their number.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes the nomination process as follows:

- (1) Retains requirement that nominations be submitted from the six university presidents but clarifies that each president separately nominates up to three persons to fill a vacancy.

- (2) The governor appoints three members from the list of nominees submitted by the university presidents for a total of three members and that this is done prior to the governor appointing his three members to the commission - for a total of six members.
- (3) Retains the seventh commission member elected by the classified employees of the state from their number.

Present constitution provides for filling vacancies on the commission by appointment or election pursuant to the procedure or law governing the particular appointment or election. Requires that the university president can submit the required nominations within 30 days after the vacancy occurs; requires the governor to make his appointment within 30 days after the submission of the nominees. If a nominating authority fails to submit nominees in the time required, the governor is to make his appointment with consent of the Senate.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that if the vacancy occurs of a member appointed from the list of nominees submitted by university presidents, then the presidents are to submit the required nominations within 30 days after the vacancy. Retains requirement for the governor to make his appointment within 30 days after nominees are submitted to him or make his appointment if no nominees are submitted in the time required.

Present constitution provides that if the governor fails to appoint a person within 30 days after the submission of nominees, then the nominee whose name is first on the list of nominees will automatically become a member of the commission with consent of the Senate.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes this provision for automatic appointment upon failure by the governor to appoint a person within 30 days after submission of nominees.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires that the governor assign terms of either one year, two years, three years, or four years to each member of the commission in office on January 1, 2026, in order to provide for the initial overlapping terms of office after January 1, 2026. Provides that a commission member in office on January 1, 2026, who has served on the commission for more than eight years is not eligible to continue to serve, and the governor is to appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 15, 2025.

(Amends Const. Art. X, Sec. 2(B) and Sec. 3(B) and (C))