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SB 8 Engrossed

2025 Regular Session

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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 add officers, positions, and employees to the unclassified service who cannot be removed by a commission.

Present constitution authorizes the commission to add additional positions to the unclassified service which may be revoked by rules of the commission.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains these provisions but provides that the officers, positions, and employees added to the unclassified service by the legislature may only be removed by the legislature.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on April 18, 2026, if House Bill No. 625 of the 2025 R.S. becomes effective. Otherwise provides for the amendment to be submitted to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. X, Sec. 2(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds authority for the legislature to add positions to the unclassified service which cannot be removed by the civil service commission.
2. Removes changes to membership of the State Civil Service Commission.
3. Provides for submission to voters on Nov. 3, 2026, or a statewide election authorized by law, whichever occurs first.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by HouseThe Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Revises language of the proposed constitutional amendment.
2. Revises the ballot language.
3. Specifically identifies April 18, 2026, as the preferred election date if HB 625 of the 2025 R.S. becomes effective.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by HouseThe Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill:

1. Change the ballot language.