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HOUSE BILL NO. 292

BY REPRESENTATIVES PUGH, CHAMPAGNE, HENRY, LORUSSO, AND TALBOT

SCHOOLS/BOARDS: Requires local option elections in local school districts on term limits for school board members

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:60.4, relative to term limits for school board members; to require local
3 option elections in certain school districts to determine if a district's school board
4 members shall have term limits; to specify the term limitations for school board
5 members if approved by the electors voting in a school district; to provide for
6 applicability; to provide relative to the conduct of such elections and the costs
7 thereof; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:60.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §60.4. School board members; term limits; local election

11 A.(1) At the statewide election to be held on November 6, 2012, a
12 proposition shall appear on the ballot in each school district, except as provided in
13 Subsection D of this Section, to determine whether the members of the school board
14 in that district shall have term limits.

15 (2) As used in this Section, "school board" shall mean the governing
16 authority of a public school district.

17 B. The ballot for the election shall state as follows:

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for an election in most local school districts to determine whether the members of the school board in each respective district shall have term limits of three consecutive four-year terms.

Proposed law provides for an election in every school district, with limited exceptions, on Nov. 6, 2012, to determine whether the members of the school board in each district shall have term limits. Specifies that if such term limitation is approved by a majority of the qualified electors, then each member of the school board of that district who at the end of his term of office will have served as a member for more than 2-½ terms in three consecutive terms, such service being during terms that began on or after Jan. 1, 2014, shall not be elected to the board for the succeeding term. Provides that if a majority of the qualified electors vote against such proposition, then the term limitation shall not apply in that district.

Specifies the ballot language to be used in the election and requires the secretary of state to prepare the ballot. Requires that the election be conducted in accordance with the La. Election Code and provides that the costs of the election shall be borne by the state.

Provides that proposed law shall not be applicable to the Recovery School District, the governing authority of any charter school, school districts where voters have already approved term limits for school board members (Lafayette Parish), or school districts in which school board members are subject to term limits by law (Jefferson Parish).

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:60.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Relative to initial implementation of term limits, provides that limits apply to terms which begin on or after Jan. 1, 2014, rather than terms which begin on or after Jan 1, 2010.