

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 292

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

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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

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

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

"LOCAL OPTION ELECTION

Within (name of school district):

Shall the number of terms of office that any member of the school board may serve be limited to three consecutive four-year terms?"

C. If the question of such term limitation is approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting on the proposition in the district, then each member of the school board of that district who at the end of a term of office on the board will have

1 served as a member of the board for more than two and one-half terms in three
 2 consecutive terms, such service being during terms that began on or after January 1,
 3 2014, shall not be elected to the board for the succeeding term. If a majority of the
 4 qualified electors voting on the proposition in the district vote against such
 5 proposition, then no such term limitation shall apply in that district.

6 D. The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable to the Recovery
 7 School District, the governing authority of any charter school, or in any school
 8 district in which school board members are limited to three consecutive terms or less
 9 by law enacted or pursuant to a proposition approved by the voters prior to January
 10 1, 2010.

11 E. The secretary of state shall prepare the ballot for the election.

12 F. Except as otherwise provided, the election required pursuant to this
 13 Section shall be conducted in accordance with the Louisiana Election Code.

14 G. Notwithstanding Chapter 8-A of the Louisiana Election Code, the costs
 15 of the election required pursuant to this Section shall be borne by the state.

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 20 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____