SLS 14RS-450 ORIGINAL

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

BY SENATOR MILLS

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ELECTION CODE. Requests the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs study the possibility of requiring background checks for candidates and methods to ensure the qualification of candidates for political office.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the
3	House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a
4	joint committee to study and make recommendations with respect to implementing
5	background checks for candidates for political office.
6	WHEREAS, there is currently no requirement that candidates for political office
7	undergo background checks; and
8	WHEREAS, verifying the qualification of political candidates on qualification forms
9	is important to all Louisiana citizens; and
10	WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the legislature to examine the issues of
11	candidate candor and qualification to ensure the fairness of Louisiana elections.
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby requests
13	the members of the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House
14	Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee
15	to study and make recommendations with respect to the verification of a candidate's
16	qualifications and the possibility of requiring criminal and financial background checks of
17	candidates.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee may submit

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recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana by January 1, 2015.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Menou.

DIGEST

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Requests the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs study and make recommendations with respect to the verification of candidate's qualifications and the possibility of requiring background checks for candidates for political office.