TUITION. Constitutional amendment to authorize the postsecondary education management boards to establish tuition and fee amounts charged by institutions under their supervision and management. (2/3-CA13sl(A))

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VIII, Section 7.2 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to postsecondary education; to authorize certain postsecondary education management boards to establish the tuition and mandatory fee amounts charged by the institutions under their supervision and management; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VIII, Section 7.2 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§7.2. Postsecondary Education Management Boards; Tuition and Fee Authority

Section 7.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VII, Section (2.1)(A), or any other provision of this constitution or law to the contrary, each postsecondary education management board created by this Article shall have the authority to establish the tuition and mandatory fee amounts charged by the institutions under its supervision and management.
Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 24,
2015, provided the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 48 of this 2015 Regular Session
is enacted and becomes effective.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana which proposition shall read as
follows:

Do you support an amendment to authorize the postsecondary education
management boards to establish the tuition and mandatory fee amounts
charged by institutions under their supervision and management without
legislative approval?

(Adds Article VIII, Section 7.2)

The original instrument was prepared by Jeanne Johnston. The following
digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was
prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

DIGEST
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Present constitution (Art. VII, Sec. 2.1(A)) provides that any new fee or civil fine or increase
in an existing fee or civil fine imposed or assessed by the state or any board, department, or
agency of the state shall require the enactment of a law by a two-thirds vote of the elected
members of each house of the legislature.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that, notwithstanding any constitutional
provision including Art. VII, Sec. 2.1(A) or any other law to the contrary, each
constitutionally created postsecondary education management board shall have the authority
to establish the tuition and fee amounts charged by institutions under its supervision and
management, without legislative approval.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on
October 24, 2015, provided Senate Bill No. 48 of this 2015 Regular Session is enacted and
becomes effective.

(Adds Const. Art. VIII, Section 7.2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the
original bill

1. Specifies the bill number of the Senate bill that, if enacted, will trigger

Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in boldface type and underscored are additions.
submission of the constitutional amendment contained in proposed law to the voters for approval.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the engrossed bill

1. Gives each postsecondary management board authority to establish admission standards and requirements for each institution under the board's supervision and management.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

1. Delete committee amendments granting management board's authority to establish admission standards and requirements for each institution under the board's supervision and management.