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HOUSE BILL NO. 507

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BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

HIGHER EDUCATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the powers of the public postsecondary education management board and the Board of Regents

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION 2 Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 5(E) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide 3 relative to the management of public postsecondary education; to provide relative to 4 the powers of the postsecondary education management boards vis-a-vis the Board 5 of Regents; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; 6 and to provide for related matters. 7 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 8 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of 9 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to 10 amend Article VIII, Section 5(E) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 11 §5. Board of Regents 12 Section 5. 13 14 (E) Other Powers Not Vested; Management Boards. Powers of management 15 over public institutions of postsecondary education not specifically vested by this 16 Section in Subject to the powers of the Board of Regents as provided by this Section 17 and as otherwise provided by law and to policies adopted pursuant thereto, are 18 reserved to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural 19 and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and

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Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and

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1 Universities Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of 2 Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, and any other such board created 3 pursuant to this Article, as to are responsible for the daily operations of the 4 institutions under the control of each. 5 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 6 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8. 7 2016. 8 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, 9 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted 10 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as 11 follows: 12 Do you support an amendment to provide that the authority of the higher 13 education management boards is subject to the powers and policies of the 14 Board of Regents? (Amends Article VIII, Section 5(E))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the powers of the higher education management boards are subject to the power and policies of the Bd. of Regents.

<u>Present constitution</u> establishes the Bd. of Regents to plan, coordinate, and have budgetary responsibility for all public postsecondary education. Specifies the board's powers, duties, and responsibilities.

<u>Present constitution</u> creates the Bd. of Supervisors for the University of La. System, the Bd. of Supervisors of LSU and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Bd. of Supervisors of SU and Agricultural and Mechanical College all having supervision and management of certain "four-year" colleges and universities and, in the case of the LSU and SU boards, statewide agricultural programs and other programs administered through their systems. <u>Present constitution</u> creates and provides for the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, which is the management board for "two-year" colleges. <u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains <u>present constitution</u>.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that powers of management over public institutions of postsecondary education not specifically vested by <u>present constitution</u> in the Bd. of Regents are reserved to the management boards. <u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides instead that the management boards are responsible for daily operations of the institutions

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and that the exercise of such responsibility is subject to powers and policies of the Bd. of Regents.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §5(E))