

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 940

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

HIGHER EDUCATION: Requires that student identification cards issued by public postsecondary education institutions meet certain requirements

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351(J), relative to public postsecondary education; to require certain
3 public postsecondary management boards to ensure that student identification cards
4 issued by institutions under their jurisdiction contain specified elements; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of postsecondary education
9 management boards

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11 J. Each public postsecondary management board except for the Board of
12 Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall ensure that a student
13 identification card issued by a public postsecondary education institution under its
14 jurisdiction contains each required element for a generally recognized picture
15 identification card specified in R.S. 18:562(A)(2) and an expiration date. The
16 expiration date shall be four years subsequent to the date of issuance of the student
17 identification card or the anticipated graduation date of the student, whichever date
18 occurs first.

1 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be implemented in the issuance of new
2 cards after the effective date of this Act; no institution shall be required to reissue otherwise
3 valid identification cards solely for the purposes of compliance with this Act.

4 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

DIGEST

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HB 940 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Requires that a student ID card issued to students at public universities contain various elements such that it will serve as an identification card for voting purposes.

Present law requires individuals to identify themselves as a prerequisite to voting and provides that acceptable means of identification are a La. driver's license, a La. special identification card, or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the person's name and signature. Provides for alternatives if a person has none of these items. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary management board, except the community and technical college system board, to ensure that a student identification card issued by an institution under its jurisdiction contains the elements required for voting purposes. Further requires that the validity of such cards expire within four years of issuance or upon the student's anticipated graduation, whichever occurs first.

Effective January 1, 2019.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351(J))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that proposed law does not apply to the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.
2. Add provision that proposed law is to be implemented only in the issuance of new cards.
3. Add provision relative to the expiration of the validity of student identification cards.
4. Change effective date of proposed law from Aug. 1, 2016, to Jan. 1, 2019.