

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 90

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Election Supervisors to study and make recommendations regarding extending the time period between the primary and general election and to make recommendations regarding ways to accomplish the election of congressmen in Louisiana on federal election day.

WHEREAS, the State Board of Election Supervisors is composed of the secretary of state, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the commissioner of elections or designee of the secretary of state, a member of the Clerks of Court Association, a member of the Registrars of Voters Association, a member of the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, and an appointee of the governor from a list of nominees; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Election Supervisors is required by law to review election laws and procedures and to annually report its findings, observations, and recommendations concerning all aspects of elections in the state to the governmental affairs committees of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, there has been increasing interest in extending the time period between a primary and general election to allow for more time for the electorate to become more knowledgeable about the issues and the candidates in the general election and to give election officials more time to accomplish required procedures, including but not limited to the forty-five day ballot transit time required by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act; and

WHEREAS, since the United States Supreme Court decision in *Foster v. Love*, 522 U.S. 67 (1997), several Louisiana congressmen have been elected after federal election day affecting that member's attendance at orientation events, acquisition of office space, and occasionally, desired committee assignments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Election Supervisors to study and make recommendations regarding extending the time period between the primary and general election and to make recommendations regarding ways to accomplish the election of congressmen in Louisiana on federal election day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Election Supervisors shall seek advice, input, and recommendations from all stakeholders, including but not limited to the Supervisory Committee on Campaign Finance Disclosure, leadership of the recognized political parties in the state, and the congressional delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Election Supervisors shall submit its recommendations to the House and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee no later than January 31, 2023.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE