

SENATE BILL NO. 160

BY SENATOR FIELDS

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 3(B)(1) and (C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to Senate confirmation of gubernatorially appointed members of the State Civil Service Commission; 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 amend Article X, Section 3(B)(1) and (C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§3. State Civil Service Commission

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(B)(1) Appointment. The members shall be appointed by the governor, with consent of the Senate, as hereinafter provided, for overlapping terms of six years.

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(C) Nominations. The presidents of Centenary College at Shreveport, Dillard University at New Orleans, Louisiana College at Pineville, Loyola University at New Orleans, Tulane University of Louisiana at New Orleans, and Xavier University at New Orleans, after giving consideration to representation of all groups, each shall nominate three persons. The governor shall appoint one member of the commission from the three persons nominated by each president. One member of the commission shall be elected by the classified employees of the state from their number as provided by law. A vacancy for any cause shall be filled by appointment or election in accordance with the procedure or law governing the ~~original~~ appointment or

1 election, and from the same source. Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, the  
2 president concerned shall submit the required nominations. Within thirty days  
3 thereafter, the governor shall make his appointment, **with consent of the Senate**. If  
4 the governor fails to appoint within thirty days, the nominee whose name is first on  
5 the list of nominees automatically shall become a member of the commission, **with**  
6 **consent of the Senate**. If any nominating authority fails to submit nominees in the  
7 time required, or if one of the named institutions ceases to exist, the governor shall  
8 make the appointment to the commission, **with consent of the Senate**.

9 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
10 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on December 10,  
11 2022.

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

16 Do you support an amendment to make appointed members of the State Civil  
17 Service Commission subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate?  
18 (Amends Article X, Section 3(B)(1) and (C))

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES