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Present constitution provides that unclassified positions in the state and city civil service system include: elected officials and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices, the heads of each principal executive department appointed by the governor, the mayor, or the governing authority of a city, city attorneys, registrars of voters, members of state and city boards, authorities, and commissions, one private secretary to the president of each college or university, one person holding a confidential position and one principal assistant or deputy to any officer, board, commission, or authority as provided in present constitution, members of the military or naval forces, teaching and professional staffs, and administrative officers of schools, colleges, and universities of the state, and bona fide students of those institutions employed by any state, parochial, or municipal agency, employees, deputies, and officers of the legislature and of the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, each mayor and city attorney, of police juries, school boards, assessors, and of all offices provided for in present constitution except the offices of clerk of the municipal and traffic courts in New Orleans, commissioners of elections, watchers, and custodians and deputy custodians of voting machines, railroad employees whose working conditions and retirement benefits are regulated by federal agencies in accordance with federal law, and the director, deputy director, and all employees of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> retains <u>present constitution</u> as to the designation of unclassified civil service positions.

<u>Present constitutional amendment</u> further provides that additional positions may be added to the unclassified service and those positions may be revoked by rules adopted by a commission.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that additional positions to the unclassified service may be added as provided by law.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that the State Civil Service Commission shall be composed of seven members who are electors of the state and that four members constitute a quorum.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the State Civil Service Commission shall be composed of eleven members who are electors of the state and that six members constitute a quorum.

<u>Present constitutional amendment</u> requires at least one appointed member to be from each congressional district and provides that an appointment of a member from the state at large is permitted only when the membership of the body includes a member from each congressional district.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires at least one member to be appointed from each

congressional district.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that members are appointed by the governor, with consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of six years.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that members are appointed by the governor, with consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of four years.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that no person who has served as a commission member for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be appointed for the succeeding term.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that no member shall serve more than two full terms.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that 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 each shall nominate three persons for consideration by the governor for appointment to the State Civil Service Commission.

<u>Present constitution</u> further provides that the governor shall appoint one member of the commission from the three persons nominated by each president and that one member shall be elected by the classified employees of the state as provided by law.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals present constitution.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. X, Sec. 2(B) and 3)