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HB No. 588

**Abstract:** Amends the constitution to provide that members of the postsecondary education management boards and the Board of Regents shall have qualifications as provided by law and authorizes legislative implementation of such requirement.

Present constitution creates and provides for the postsecondary education management boards, including the LSU and Southern University boards of supervisors, the UL system board of supervisors and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges. Also creates and provides for the Board of Regents to plan, coordinate, and have budgetary responsibility for public postsecondary education. Each board has 15 members who are appointed by the governor, two from each congressional district and the remaining members from the state at large. Authorizes one student member for each board, except provides that the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall have two student members as provided by law. Present constitution, relative to the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, provides that the board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity.

Proposed constitutional amendment additionally provides that the members of the postsecondary education management boards and the Board of Regents shall possess qualifications as provided by law. Also authorizes the legislature to provide by law for implementation of these provisions relative to qualifications of board members.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes present constitution relative to the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges by providing that the board shall rather than should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §§ 5(B)(1), 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1); Adds Const. Art. VIII, §8(E))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Changes present constitution provision relative to the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges by providing that the board shall rather than should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity.