

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 185

BY REPRESENTATIVE TIM BURNS

ELECTIONS/COMMISSIONERS: Requests the State Board of Election Supervisors to study the issue of persons with disabilities serving as commissioners

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Election Supervisors to study the issue of persons  
3 with disabilities serving as commissioners and to report study findings and  
4 recommendations to the House and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate  
5 and Governmental Affairs Committee no later than January 15, 2016.

6           WHEREAS, commissioners conduct primary and general elections at each polling  
7   place in the state; and

8           WHEREAS, commissioners are required to be registered voters in the parish in  
9    which they serve; and

10           WHEREAS, provisions in the Louisiana Election Code allow a person who has a  
11   physical disability to receive assistance in registering to vote and in voting; and

12 WHEREAS, the law, however, does not allow a person to serve as a commissioner  
13 if the person is entitled to receive assistance in voting; and

14           WHEREAS, there have been concerns expressed regarding potential shortages of  
15   commissioners.

16           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
17   urge and request the State Board of Election Supervisors to study the issue of persons with  
18   disabilities serving as commissioners and to report study findings and recommendations to  
19   the House and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate and Governmental Affairs  
20   Committee no later than January 15, 2016.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge  
2   and request the State Board of Election Supervisors to seek input, recommendations, and  
3   advice from the Advocacy Center.

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DIGEST

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