

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 203

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

ELECTIONS: Requests the House and Governmental Affairs Committee to meet to study moving all school board elections to the gubernatorial or presidential election

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to meet to
3 study moving all school board elections to either the gubernatorial election date or
4 the presidential election date.

5 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:52 provides generally that members of parish school boards are
6 elected at the congressional elections, with the next election to occur pursuant to this
7 provision in 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:121 provides that members of the school board of Orleans
9 Parish are elected at the presidential election, with the next election pursuant to this
10 provision to occur in 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:52.2 provides that members of the Lafayette Parish School
12 Board are elected at the gubernatorial elections, with the next election pursuant to this
13 provision to occur in 2019; and

14 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to study whether moving all school board elections to
15 either the gubernatorial election date or the presidential election date could produce cost
16 savings and increase voter awareness and participation, and to consider differences in voter
17 participation between elections at the top of the ballot and elections at the bottom of the
18 ballot.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the House Committee on House and

1 Governmental Affairs to meet to study moving all school board elections to either the
2 gubernatorial election date or the presidential election date.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings to the
4 House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session of the
5 Legislature.

DIGEST

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