
DIGEST

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Creates a commission to study the feasibility of a constitutional convention and make recommendations relative thereto.

The commission shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker.
- (2) Four members of the Senate appointed by the president.
- (3) Four members appointed by the governor.
- (4) Four members appointed by the chief justice of the La. Sup. Ct.
- (5) A representative of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center appointed by the dean of the law center.
- (6) A representative of the SU Law Center appointed by the chancellor of the law center.
- (7) A representative of the Tulane University Law School appointed by the dean of the law school.
- (8) A representative of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law appointed by the dean of the college of law.
- (9) A representative of the Public Affairs Research Council of La. appointed by the council.
- (10) A representative of the Council for a Better La. appointed by the council.
- (11) A representative of local governmental bodies appointed with the concurrence of the LMA, the Police Jury Association of La., and the Louisiana School Boards Association.

The commission shall make such studies as it finds necessary or appropriate to determine the feasibility and advisability of calling a convention to revise the La. Constitution and, if a convention is found to be feasible and advisable, to make recommendations to the legislature on all matters relevant to the convening and conduct of a constitutional convention, including a plan for the conduct of an effective constitutional convention, which plan shall include but not be limited to:

- (1) A policy agenda for the convention which shall include:
 - (a) Identification of significant policy areas that must be addressed in order to propose a constitution that will serve the state effectively.
 - (b) Alternative proposals for provisions on significant policy areas, together with explanations and explanatory materials therefor, including multiple optional approaches and solutions as appropriate to facilitate the work of the convention in addressing issues.
 - (c) Pertinent background material and data relative to significant policy areas.

- (2) Background and other materials that the committee determines will be useful to the work of the convention.
- (3) Proposals for elimination of statutory materials from the constitution, together with recommendations for legislative action relative thereto.
- (4) Recommendations for convention organization and deliberations, including the composition of the membership of the convention, officers and committees, and significant provisions for rules of procedure.
- (5) Timetables for convening, for staff work, for completion of a draft constitution, for the election to submit the proposal to the voters of the state, and for effectiveness of the new constitution.
- (6) An analysis of staffing and other resources needed and available to address policy issues and to skillfully draft constitutional language.
- (7) Recommendations for budget needs for effective conduct of a convention.
- (8) Recommendations for procedures for submission of alternative proposals to the voters and ballot structure.

The commission shall complete its study and determine its recommendations to the legislature and to the governor no later than January 15, 2019, and shall submit to each member of the legislature no later than February 14, 2019, the complete results of its study and a report of its findings and its recommendations based thereon.

The commission shall be deemed dissolved upon the adjournment sine die of the 2019 RS of the legislature.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original concurrent resolution:

1. Remove four members of the legislature appointed with the concurrence of the president and president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker and speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives.
2. Add four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and four members of the Senate appointed by the President.