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HOUSE BILL NO. 48

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BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

HIGHER EDUCATION: Requires that student identification cards issued by certain postsecondary education institutions meet certain requirements (Item #42)

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351(J), relative to identification cards issued by 3 postsecondary education institutions; to require certain postsecondary education 4 governing authorities to ensure that student identification cards issued by institutions 5 under their jurisdiction contain elements required for voter identification; and to 6 provide for related matters. 7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(J) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 9 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of postsecondary education 10 management boards 11 12 J. Each public postsecondary education management board except for the 13 Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and the governing 14 authority of each institution that is a member of the Louisiana Association of 15 Independent Colleges and Universities shall ensure that a student identification card 16 issued by a public postsecondary education institution under its jurisdiction contains 17 each required element for a generally recognized picture identification card specified 18 in R.S. 18:562(A)(2) and an expiration date. The expiration date shall be four years 19 subsequent to the date of issuance of the student identification card or the anticipated

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graduation date of the student 18:562(A)(2)(a)(i). Such an identification card shall

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expire on the anticipated date of the student's graduation or program completion or

on the date four years subsequent to the date the card is issued, whichever date

occurs first.

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Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be implemented in the issuance of new

cards after the effective date of this Act; no institution shall be required to reissue otherwise

valid identification cards solely for the purposes of compliance with this Act.

Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2023.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires that a student ID card issued at a public two-year postsecondary institution or nonpublic postsecondary institution contain elements required for voter identification.

<u>Present law</u> requires individuals to identify themselves as a prerequisite to voting and provides that acceptable means of identification are a La. driver's license, La. special identification card, or other generally recognized picture identification card that contains the person's name and signature.

<u>Present law</u> requires that a student identification card from a four-year public postsecondary institution contain the elements of a generally recognized picture identification card. Further requires that the validity of such cards expires within four years of issuance or upon the student's anticipated graduation date, whichever occurs first.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires each member institution of the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities and the La. Community and Technical College System to ensure that student identification cards contain the elements required for voting purposes.

Effective Jan. 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 17:3351(J))