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SENATE BILL NO. 44

BY SENATOR FIELDS

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COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Constitutional amendment to allow the governor to appoint a graduate of a public postsecondary education institution who resides out-of-state to the management board of the institution. (2/3 - CA13s1(A)) (Item #42)

A JOINT RESOLUTION 2 Proposing to amend Article VIII, Sections 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the membership of postsecondary education 3 boards of supervisors; to authorize the governor to appoint graduates of a Louisiana 4 5 postsecondary education institution who reside out-of-state to the board of 6 supervisors of the institution under certain circumstances; and to specify an election 7 for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition. 8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 9 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for 10 their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, 11 Sections 6, 7, and 7.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: §6. Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System 12 13 Section 6. (B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of fifteen members, 14 of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and the remaining 15 member or members shall be from the state at large, appointed by the governor with 16 17 consent of the Senate. Two members shall be from each congressional district.

1	The remaining member or members shall be from the state at-large. However,
2	if there is more than one at-large member, at least one at-large member shall
3	be a resident of the state and, upon recommendation of the board, the
4	remaining at large member or members may reside out-of-state provided the
5	appointee graduated from a postsecondary education institution under the
6	management of the board, as provided by law. The members shall serve
7	overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed by law.
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9	§7. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
10	Mechanical College; Board of Supervisors of Southern University
11	and Agricultural and Mechanical College
12	Section 7. * * *
13	(B)(1) Membership; Terms. Each board shall be composed of fifteen
14	members, of whom two members shall be from each congressional district and the
15	remaining member or members shall be from the state at large, appointed by the
16	governor with consent of the Senate. Two members shall be from each
17	congressional district. The remaining member or members shall be from the
18	state at-large. However, if there is more than one at-large member, at least one
19	at large member shall be a resident of the state and, upon recommendation of
20	the board, the remaining at-large member or members may reside out-of-state
21	provided the appointee graduated from a postsecondary education institution
22	under the management of the board, as provided by law. The members shall
23	serve overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed by law.
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25	§7.1. Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges
26	Section 7.1. * * *
27	(B)(1) Membership; Terms; Initial Membership and Terms. The board shall
28	be composed of fifteen members appointed by the governor, as provided by law. In
29	addition, the board shall have two student members as provided by law. All members

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2	Senate. Of those members selected and appointed by the governor, there shall be two
3	members from each congressional district and the remaining member or members
4	from the state at large. However, if there is more than one at-large member, at
5	least one at-large member shall be a resident of the state and, upon
6	recommendation of the board, the remaining at-large member or members may
7	reside out-of-state provided the appointee graduated from a postsecondary
8	education institution under the management of the board, as provided by law.
9	The board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to
10	ensure diversity. The members selected and appointed by the governor shall serve
11	terms of six years, except that the initial members shall serve terms as provided by
12	law.
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14	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
15	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on December 5,
16	2020.
17	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
18	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
19	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
20	follows:
21	Do you support an amendment to allow the governor to appoint a graduate
22	of a Louisiana postsecondary education institution who resides out-of-state
23	as an at-large member of a public postsecondary education board of
24	supervisors, as provided by law?
25	(Amends Article VIII, Sections 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1))

selected and appointed by the governor shall be appointed with the consent of the

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part

of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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Present constitution provides that the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana

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System, the Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be composed of fifteen members. Two members shall be from each congressional district and the remaining member or members shall be from the state at large, appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by the governor, as provided by law. In addition, the board shall have two student members as provided by law. All members selected and appointed by the governor shall be appointed with the consent of the Senate. Of those members selected and appointed by the governor, there shall be two members from each congressional district and the remaining member or members from the state at large.

<u>Proposed constitution</u> provides that if there is more than one at-large member, at least one at-large member shall be a resident of the state, and upon recommendation of the board, the remaining at-large member or members may reside out-of-state provided the appointee graduated from a postsecondary education institution under the management of the board, as provided by law.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on December 5, 2020.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 6(B)(1), 7(B)(1), and 7.1(B)(1))