

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

HIGHER EDUCATION: Requests that the governor appoint additional women to public postsecondary education boards so that women will comprise at least fifty percent of each board's membership by July 1, 2023

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request Governor John Bel Edwards to appoint additional women to the Board
3 of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
4 College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and
5 Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana
6 System, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, and the
7 Board of Regents with the goal that women will comprise at least fifty percent of the
8 membership of each board by July 1, 2023.

9 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana creates and provides for four public
10 postsecondary education management boards, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State
11 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (the LSU board), the Board of
12 Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (the SU
13 board), the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System (the UL board), and
14 the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges (the LCTCS board), to
15 supervise and manage the institutions and programs of their respective systems; and

16 WHEREAS, the constitution also creates and provides for the Board of Regents to
17 plan, coordinate, and have budgetary responsibility for public postsecondary education; and

18 WHEREAS, the constitution provides for each of these five boards to have fifteen
19 members who are appointed by the governor, two from each congressional district and the
20 remaining members from the state at large, serving overlapping terms of six years; and

1 WHEREAS, as of April 7, 2021, of the fifteen members of each board, not counting
2 student members, the LSU board has three women (20% of board membership); the SU
3 board has three women (20% of board membership); the UL board has four women (26.67%
4 of board membership); the LCTCS board has four women (26.67% of board membership);
5 and the Board of Regents has four women (26.67% of board membership); and

6 WHEREAS, according to the most recent data from the United States Census
7 Bureau, women comprise approximately fifty-one percent of the population in the state of
8 Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, the terms of a number of members of each board will expire between
10 July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2023, which will create numerous opportunities over the next two
11 years for the governor to appoint additional women to each board so that the boards more
12 accurately reflect the population of the state.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 urge and request Governor John Bel Edwards to appoint additional women to the Board of
15 Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the
16 Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the
17 Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of
18 Community and Technical Colleges, and the Board of Regents with the goal that women will
19 comprise at least fifty percent of the membership of each board by July 1, 2023.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21 to Governor John Bel Edwards.

DIGEST

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