

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, ADAMS, BRASS, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, COX, DUPLESSIS, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GREEN, HILFERTY, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JONES, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, CHARLES OWEN, PHELPS, PIERRE, SELDERS, WHITE, AND WILLARD AND SENATORS ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, FIELDS, HARRIS, JACKSON, PETERSON, PRICE, AND TALBOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE