

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 75

BY SENATOR FIELDS

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Constitutional amendment to require Senate confirmation of certain members of the State Police Commission. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 43(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the State Police Commission; to require Senate confirmation of certain members; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article X, Section 43(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§43. State Police Commission

Section 43.

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(C) Nominations. The presidents of Centenary College at Shreveport, Dillard University at New Orleans, Louisiana College at Pineville, Loyola University at New Orleans, Tulane University of Louisiana at New Orleans, and Xavier University at New Orleans, after giving consideration to representation of all groups, each shall nominate three persons. The governor shall appoint, with consent of the Senate, one

1 member of the commission from the three persons nominated by each president. One
 2 member of the commission shall be elected by the classified state police officers of
 3 the state from their number as provided by law. A vacancy for any cause shall be
 4 filled by appointment or election in accordance with the procedure or law governing
 5 the original appointment or election, and from the same source. Within thirty days
 6 after a vacancy occurs, the president concerned shall submit the required
 7 nominations. Within thirty days thereafter, the governor shall make his appointment,
 8 **with consent of the Senate.** If the governor fails to appoint within thirty days, the
 9 nominee whose name is first on the list of nominees automatically shall become a
 10 member of the commission, **with consent of the Senate.** If any nominating authority
 11 fails to submit nominees in the time required, or if one of the named institutions
 12 ceases to exist, the governor shall make the appointment to the commission, **with**
 13 **consent of the Senate.**

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15 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
 16 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,
 17 2022.

18 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
 19 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 20 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 21 follows:

22 Do you support an amendment to require that appointed and nonelected
 23 members of the State Police Commission be confirmed by the Senate?

24 (Amends Article X, Section 43(C))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

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Present constitution provides that gubernatorial appointees to the State Police Commission are not subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires Senate confirmation for appointed and non-elected members of the State Police Commission.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. X, Sec. 43(C))