

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 400

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HIGHER EDUCATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana State University and Southern University boards of supervisors

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 7(B)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the membership of the Louisiana State University and Southern University boards of supervisors; to require the governor to appoint persons who are alumni of certain institutions; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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 of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 7(B)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§7. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College

Section 7.

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(B)(1) Membership; Terms. Each board shall be composed of fifteen members, of whom 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. The governor shall appoint members to each board so that each board includes a person who has a bachelor's degree, associate

1 degree, or other undergraduate credential from each institution that is managed and
2 supervised by the respective board and that offers such degrees or credentials. The
3 members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed by
4 law.

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6 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to
7 the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 14, 2023.

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

12 Do you support an amendment to require that the Louisiana State University
13 and Southern University boards of supervisors include members who are
14 alumni of certain institutions under the boards' respective jurisdictions?

15 (Amends Article VIII, Section 7(B)(1))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that the membership of the LSU and Southern University boards of supervisors include certain alumni.

Present constitution, relative to the boards of supervisors of La. State University and Southern University, provides that each board consists of 15 members, two from each congressional district and the remaining member or members from the state at large, all appointed by the governor.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution except to provide that at least one alumnus from each of the following institutions be appointed to the La. State University board of supervisors:

- (1) La. State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.
- (2) La. State University at Alexandria.
- (3) La. State University at Eunice.
- (4) La. State University at Shreveport.

Provides that at least one alumnus from each of the following institutions be appointed to the Southern University board of supervisors:

- (1) Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.
- (2) Southern University at New Orleans.
- (3) Southern University at Shreveport.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 14, 2023.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §(7)(B)(1))