

## DIGEST

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SB 181 Reengrossed

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Present constitution provides that unclassified positions in the state and city civil service system include: elected officials and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices, the heads of each principal executive department appointed by the governor, the mayor, or the governing authority of a city, city attorneys, registrars of voters, members of state and city boards, authorities, and commissions, one private secretary to the president of each college or university, one person holding a confidential position and one principal assistant or deputy to any officer, board, commission, or authority as provided in present constitution, members of the military or naval forces, teaching and professional staffs, and administrative officers of schools, colleges, and universities of the state, and bona fide students of those institutions employed by any state, parochial, or municipal agency, employees, deputies, and officers of the legislature and of the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, each mayor and city attorney, of police juries, school boards, assessors, and of all offices provided for in present constitution except the offices of clerk of the municipal and traffic courts in New Orleans, commissioners of elections, watchers, and custodians and deputy custodians of voting machines, railroad employees whose working conditions and retirement benefits are regulated by federal agencies in accordance with federal law, and the director, deputy director, and all employees of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution as to the designation of unclassified civil service positions.

Present constitutional amendment further provides that additional positions may be added to the unclassified service and those positions may be revoked by rules adopted by a commission.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and further provides that positions may be removed from the classified service as provided by law.

Present constitution provides that the State Civil Service Commission shall be composed of seven members who are electors of the state and that four members constitute a quorum.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitutional amendment requires at least one appointed member to be from each congressional district and provides that an appointment of a member from the state at large is permitted only when the membership of the body includes a member from each congressional district.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires at least one member to be appointed from each congressional district.

Present constitution provides that members are appointed by the governor, with consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of six years.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that members are appointed by the governor, with consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of four years.

Present constitution provides that no person who has served as a commission member for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be appointed for the succeeding term.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that no member shall serve more than two full terms.

Present constitution provides that 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 each shall nominate three persons for consideration by the governor for appointment to the State Civil Service Commission.

Present constitution further provides that the governor shall appoint one member of the commission from the three persons nominated by each president and that one member shall be elected by the classified employees of the state as provided by law.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the governor shall appoint three members of the commission from the list of nominees submitted by all of the private college presidents and three members at-large and retains present constitution as to the member elected by the classified employees of the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment requires the governor to assign terms of one, two, three, and four years to each member in office on Jan. 1, 2025. Further provides that a member who has served more than eight years is no longer eligible to serve.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on Dec. 7, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. X, Sec. 2(B) and 3(B) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide that positions may be removed from the classified service as provided by law.
3. Provide for the method of appointment of members of the State Civil Service Commission and the filling of certain vacancies.
4. Provide for term limits of members of the State Civil Service Commission.
5. Revise the ballot language.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the reengrossed bill:

1. Change term limit for members of the State Civil Service Commission from three six-year terms to two four-year terms.
2. Provide that the governor shall assign staggered terms of up to four years for each member of the commission in office on Jan. 1, 2025.
3. Change the election date from Nov. 5, 2024, to Dec. 7, 2024.
4. Change the ballot language.