

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 2

BY SENATOR GUILLORY

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

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS RET. Provides for membership of and election to the board of trustees. (7/1/11)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 11:2091(B) and (C), relative to the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System; to provide for membership of and election to the board of trustees; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 11:2091(B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2091. Board of trustees; membership; vacancies; compensation

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B. The board shall consist of ~~six~~ **eight** trustees as follows:

(1) The ~~secretary of the Registrars of Voters Association of Louisiana~~ **chairman of the House Committee on Retirement**, ex-officio, ~~and,~~

(2) The ~~president of the Registrars of Voters Association of Louisiana~~ **chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement**, ex-officio, ~~and,~~

(3) ~~Four~~ **Six** active and contributing members of the system who shall have at least ten years of creditable service **in the Registrars of Voters Employees'**

1 **Retirement System** who shall be elected by the members of the Registrars of Voters
 2 Association ~~Employees' Retirement System~~ according to such rules and regulations
 3 as the board of trustees shall adopt to govern such elections. The term of office of
 4 the ~~four~~ **six** elected board members shall be for a period of four years. **No elected**
 5 **trustee may serve for more than two consecutive terms, exclusive of any term**
 6 **being served on July 1, 2011.** If an elected trustee elects to participate in the
 7 Deferred Retirement Option Plan after his term has commenced, he may continue to
 8 serve for the remainder of the term for which he was elected; however, if he
 9 otherwise separates from service, his term shall expire.

10 **(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Subsection,**
 11 **the term of office for any person elected and serving on the board of trustees on**
 12 **July 1, 2011, shall be extended to July first of the year in which the term expires,**
 13 **at which time a regularly scheduled election shall be held in accordance with the**
 14 **rules and regulations adopted by the board of trustees to govern such elections.**
 15 **Thereafter, the term of office for the six elected board members shall be four**
 16 **years.**

17 C. If a vacancy occurs in the office of an elected trustee, the board of trustees
 18 of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System shall appoint a member
 19 to the unexpired term of office, provided that if the unexpired term is for a period of
 20 more than two years, the appointment shall be for the period intervening until the
 21 next ~~annual meeting of the Registrars of Voters Association~~ **regularly scheduled**
 22 **election,** at which time a member shall be elected to fill the unexpired portion of the
 23 term in accordance with the rules governing the election of board members.

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25 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2011; if vetoed by the governor
 26 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
 27 2011, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Lauren B. Bailey.

DIGEST

Present law provides that the board of trustees for the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System (ROVERS) shall consist of six trustees including: (1) the secretary of the Registrars of Voters Association of Louisiana, (2) the president of the Registrar of Voters Employees Association of Louisiana, and (3) four trustees elected by the membership of the Registrars of Voters Association.

Proposed law clarifies that the board of trustees for ROVERS consists of eight trustees, including the chairmen of the House Committee on Retirement and the Senate Committee on Retirement, ex-officio. Proposed law replaces the secretary and the president of the Registrars of Voters Association with two elected members.

Proposed law provides that the six elected members of the board shall be elected by the membership of the Registrars of Voters Employees' Retirement System, rather than members of the Registrars of Voters Association.

Present law provides that the term of office of the elected board members shall be for a period of four years and pursuant to the present rules and regulations adopted by the board of trustees of ROVERS, the election for trustees is held at the annual association meeting.

Proposed law retains present law relative to terms of office of four years and adds that no elected trustee shall serve for more than two consecutive terms, exclusive of any term being served on July 1, 2011.

Proposed law provides transition provisions, extending the term of office for persons elected and serving on the board of trustees on July 1, 2011, to July 1 of the year in which their terms expire at which time regularly scheduled elections shall be held.

(Amends R.S. 11:2091(B) and (C))