

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. (1/1/12)

1 AN ACT

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

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §2091. Board of trustees; membership; vacancies; compensation

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

12 (1) ~~The secretary of the Registrars of Voters Association of Louisiana~~
13 **chairman of the House Committee on Retirement, ex-officio, and ex officio, or**
14 **his designee.**

15 (2) ~~The president of the Registrars of Voters Association of Louisiana~~
16 **chairman of the Senate Committee on Retirement, ex-officio, and ex officio, or**
17 **his designee.**

1 (3) ~~Four~~ **Six** active and contributing members of the system who shall have
 2 at least ten years of creditable service in the Registrars of Voters Employees'
 3 Retirement System who shall be elected by the members of the Registrars of Voters
 4 Association Employees' Retirement System according to ~~such~~ **the** rules and
 5 regulations **adopted by** as the board of trustees ~~shall adopt~~ to govern such elections.
 6 The term of office of the ~~four~~ **six** elected board members shall be for a period of four
 7 years ; **provided, that one elected member whose term of office begins January**
 8 **1, 2012, shall serve an initial term of two years, with subsequent terms of four**
 9 **years. No elected trustee may serve for more than two consecutive four-year**
 10 **terms, exclusive of any term being served on December 31, 2011.** If an elected
 11 trustee elects to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan after his term has
 12 commenced, he may continue to serve for the remainder of the term for which he
 13 was elected; however, if he otherwise separates from service, his term shall expire.

14 **(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Subsection,**
 15 **the term of office for any person elected and serving on the board of trustees on**
 16 **December 31, 2011, shall be extended to December thirty-first of the year in**
 17 **which the term expires.**

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

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26 Section 2. The board of trustees of the retirement system shall promulgate rules in
 27 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act or take any other action the board deems
 28 necessary and prudent for the orderly transition and implementation of the provisions of this
 29 Act.

1 Section 3. The provisions of Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act shall become effective
2 on July 1, 2011; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this
3 Act shall become effective on July 1, 2011, or on the day following such approval by the
4 legislature, whichever is later.

5 Section 4. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on January
6 1, 2012.

The original instrument was prepared by Lauren Bailey. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Ann S. Brown.

DIGEST

Guillory (SB 2)

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, or their designees. 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 except that one member elected to take office on January 1, 2012 shall serve an initial term of two years with subsequent terms of four years.

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 December 31, 2011.

Proposed law provides transition provisions, extending the term of office for persons elected and serving on the board of trustees on December 31, 2011, to December 31st of the year in which their terms expire.

Proposed law provides that the board of trustees of the retirement system shall promulgate rules or take other actions the board deems necessary and prudent for the orderly transition and implementation of proposed law.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Retirement to the original bill.

1. Provides that one member elected to take office on January 1, 2012 shall serve an initial term of 2 years with subsequent terms of four years.
2. Changes the effective date of Section 1 to January 1, 2012.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Gives the board of trustees of the retirement system an option in how they will provide for the orderly transition and implementation of proposed law.