Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND BROSSETT

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Requests the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee to study the advisability of requiring each registrar of voters to serve for a term of office concurrent with the term of office of the appointing authority

| 1 | A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION |
|----|--|
| 2 | To authorize and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the |
| 3 | Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a |
| 4 | joint committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the advisability |
| 5 | of requiring each registrar of voters to serve for a term of office concurrent with the |
| 6 | term of office of the appointing authority. |
| 7 | WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the |
| 8 | governing authority of each parish to appoint a registrar of voters, whose powers and |
| 9 | functions are provided by law; and |
| 10 | WHEREAS, R.S. 18:58 provides that the registrar, under the direction of the |
| 11 | secretary of state, shall be responsible for the registration of voters in the parish, the |
| 12 | administration and enforcement of the laws and the rules and regulations of the secretary of |
| 13 | state regarding the registration of voters, and conducting absentee by mail and early voting |
| 14 | in the parish; and |
| 15 | WHEREAS, the members of the parish governing authority, which appoint the |
| 16 | registrar of voters, serve fixed terms of office, as do most public officials, but registrars do |
| 17 | not serve for a term; and |

| 1 | WHEREAS, Article XI, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that a |
|----|--|
| 2 | registrar can be removed only for cause and prohibits the legislature from providing for the |
| 3 | removal from office of a registrar by the appointing authority; and |
| 4 | WHEREAS, R.S. 18:53(A) provides that a registrar may be removed "by the State |
| 5 | Board of Election Supervisors for willful misconduct relating to his official duty, willful and |
| 6 | persistent failure to perform his duty, persistent public conduct prejudicial to the |
| 7 | administration of the laws relative to the registration of voters that brings the office into |
| 8 | disrepute, or conviction of a felony." |
| 9 | THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby |
| 10 | authorize and request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the |
| 11 | Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint |
| 12 | committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the advisability of requiring |
| 13 | each registrar of voters to serve for a term of office concurrent with the term of office of the |
| 14 | appointing authority. |
| 15 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report its findings and |
| 16 | recommendations to the legislature not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the |
| | |

17 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Arnold

HCR No. 113

Authorizes and requests the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the advisability of requiring each registrar of voters to serve for a term of office concurrent with the term of office of the appointing authority. Provides for a report of study findings and recommendations at least 60 days prior to the 2015 R.S.