



exercises the powers and duties of the abolished Board of Regents, including authority:

- (1) To revise or eliminate an existing degree program, department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision.
- (2) To approve, disapprove, or modify a proposed degree program, department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision.
- (3) To study the need for and feasibility of creating a new institution of postsecondary education, establishing a branch of an institution, converting an institution that does not grant degrees to one that does, and converting an institution that grants degrees of lower rank than a baccalaureate degree to one that offers such degrees, or merging any institution of postsecondary education into another.
- (4) To formulate and make timely revision of a master plan for postsecondary education which as a minimum shall include a formula for equitable distribution of funds to the institutions of postsecondary education.
- (5) To require that each institution (instead of each management board) submit to it, at a time it specifies, an annual budget proposal for its operational and capital needs. Requires the board to submit its budget recommendations for all postsecondary education institutions and recommend priorities for capital construction and improvements.
- (6) To meet with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education at least twice a year to coordinate programs of public elementary, secondary, vocational-technical, career, and higher education.

Present constitution provides that appropriations for the institutions of higher education be made to their managing boards. Proposed constitutional amendment provides that appropriations for public postsecondary education institutions and other public postsecondary education purposes be made to and administered by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution provisions for limitations of the terms a member may serve, not more than 2-1/2 in three consecutive terms, and makes them applicable to the Board of Trustees.

Present constitution authorizes the legislature to provide for operation and management of public hospitals and their programs by the Board of Regents or a management board. Excepts from such authority institutions and programs operated by a management board prior to Jan. 1, 1997. Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the legislature to provide for operation and management of public hospitals by the Board of Trustees. Removes exception for institutions and programs operated by a management board prior to Jan. 1, 1997.

Relative to implementation, proposed constitutional amendment provides that on the effective date of the amendment (Jan. 1, 2018), the powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the abolished

boards are transferred to the Board of Trustees. Requires the legislature to provide by law for the implementation of the amendment and for the transfer of such powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities. Further provides that the Board of Regents and the management boards shall take such action prior to Jan. 1, 2018, as necessary to provide for implementation of the Board of Trustees on that date. Requires the governor to appoint the initial members of the Board of Trustees not later than March 1, 2017. Such members shall take actions as authorized by law to provide for implementation of the Board of Trustees on Jan. 1, 2018.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2016.

Effective January 1, 2018, except transition provisions are effective January 1, 2017.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, Sec. 22(A), Art. VII, Sec.10.1(C)(1) and (3) and (D)(1)(intro para) and 10.4(B)(1), (3), and (4), and Art. VIII, Sec. 5 and 16; adds Const. Art. XIV, Sec. 41; repeals Const. Art. VIII, Sec. 6, 7, 7.1, 8(B) and (D), and 12)