

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCELLE

VOTERS/VOTING: Requests the metropolitan council of the parish of East Baton Rouge to consolidate polling places on the campus of LSU

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the metropolitan council of the parish of East Baton Rouge to work with
3 Louisiana State University to consolidate polling places for residents of the Baton
4 Rouge campus of the university to provide for one, centralized polling place on
5 campus.

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Election Code provides that parish governing authorities
7 establish precincts; and

8 WHEREAS, a polling place must be located in a public building if one is available;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, all public bodies are required to allow the use of public buildings as
11 polling places without cost or charge when the governing authority requires it; and

12 WHEREAS, there are two polling places for residents of the Baton Rouge campus
13 of Louisiana State University; and

14 WHEREAS, R.S. 18:533(A)(2) provides that the "parish governing authority shall,
15 to the extent possible, locate multiple precincts in a polling location, if it determines after
16 due consideration that to locate multiple polling places within the same polling location
17 would be efficient, cost-effective, and convenient to voters"; and

18 WHEREAS, a full-time student attending an institution of higher learning in
19 Louisiana may register to vote at the place where the student resides while attending the
20 institution; and

21 WHEREAS, it is important to engage students in the democratic process; and

1 WHEREAS, consolidating the separate polling places for residents of the Baton
2 Rouge campus of Louisiana State University in one, centralized location on campus would
3 make voting more convenient and therefore could increase voter participation; and

4 WHEREAS, the LSU Student Union, which is a center for campus life, should be
5 considered as a possible location for the consolidated polling place.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 urge and request the metropolitan council of the parish of East Baton Rouge to work with
8 Louisiana State University to consolidate polling places for residents of the Baton Rouge
9 campus of the university to provide for one, centralized polling place on campus.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
11 to each member of the metropolitan council of the parish of East Baton Rouge and the
12 president of Louisiana State University.

DIGEST

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