

1 five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior to the first day of a
2 regular session.

3 (b) Any bill other than a bill to effect any change in laws relating to any
4 retirement system for public employees to be introduced in either house shall be
5 prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the
6 first day of a regular ~~session;~~ session.

7 (c) ~~thereafter~~ After five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior
8 to the first day of a regular session no member of the legislature may introduce more
9 than five bills, except as provided in the joint rules of the legislature. The legislature
10 is authorized to provide by joint rule for the procedures for passage of duplicate or
11 companion instruments.

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13 Section 2. Be it further resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the
14 members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of
15 the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a
16 proposal to amend Article X, Section 29(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as
17 follows:

18 §29. Retirement and Survivor's Benefits

19 Section 29.

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21 (C) Retirement Systems; Change; Notice. No proposal to effect any change
22 in existing laws or constitutional provisions relating to any retirement system for
23 public employees shall be introduced in the legislature unless notice of intention to
24 introduce the proposal has been published, without cost to the state, in the official
25 state journal on two separate days. The last day of publication shall be at least ~~thirty~~
26 sixty days before introduction of the bill. The notice shall state the substance of the
27 contemplated law or proposal, and the bill shall contain a recital that the notice has
28 been given.

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1 Section 5. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
2 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
3 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
4 read as follows:

5 To require legislation effecting any change to laws concerning retirement
6 systems for public employees to be filed no later than forty-five days before
7 the start of a regular legislative session and to require the completion of
8 public notice requirements regarding such bills no later than sixty days
9 before introduction of the bill. (Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(2), Article
10 X, Section 29(C), and Article XIII, Section 1(A))

DIGEST

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HB No. 391

Abstract: Provides earlier prefiling and public notice requirements for proposed retirement legislation.

Present constitution requires proposed legislation to be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the tenth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution for all proposed legislation except bills effecting a change in retirement systems for public employees. Proposed constitutional amendment requires retirement instruments to be prefiled no later than five o'clock in the evening of the forty-fifth calendar day prior to the first day of a regular session.

Present constitution provides that, with limited exception, after five o'clock on the tenth calendar day prior to session, no legislator may introduce more than five bills. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution requires public notice to be given of intent to introduce legislation effecting public retirement systems. Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution further requires the last date of publication of such notice to be at least 30 days prior to introduction of the bill. Proposed constitutional amendment changes this requirement to 60 days prior to introduction of the bill.

Present constitution requires any joint resolution to amend the constitution to be filed at least 10 calendar days prior to the beginning of a regular session. Proposed constitutional amendment requires all joint resolutions effecting retirement systems to be prefiled no later than the forty-fifth day prior to the first day of session.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 2, 2010.

(Amends Const. Art. III, §2(A)(2), Art. X, §29(C), and Art. XIII, §1(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill.

1. Changed proposed prefiling deadline for retirement legislation and constitutional amendments in a regular session from 60 days prior to the first day of session to 45 days prior to the first day of session.
2. Changed proposed notice deadline for retirement legislation in a regular session from 90 days prior to introduction to 60 days prior to introduction.