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HOUSE BILL NO. 753

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CIVIL SERVICE/STATE: (Constitutional Amendment) Abolishes the State Civil Service  
Commission and the Department of State Civil Service effective January 9, 2012

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article X, Section 13.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to abolish the  
State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State Civil Service; to  
provide for effectiveness; to provide for the allocation of powers, functions, and  
duties relative thereto; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the  
electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of  
Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add  
Article X, Section 13.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§13.1. Abolishes State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State Civil  
Service

Section 13.1. Effective January 9, 2012, the State Civil Service Commission  
and the Department of State Civil Service shall be abolished. Prior to January 9,  
2012, the legislature shall provide by law for the manner in which the powers,  
functions, and duties allocated to the State Civil Service Commission and the  
Department of State Civil Service by the other provisions of this Article shall be  
exercised.

1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 2,  
3 2010.

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

8 To abolish the State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State  
9 Civil Service effective January 9, 2012; to provide that the legislature shall  
10 provide by law for the manner in which the powers, functions, and duties  
11 allocated to the State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State  
12 Civil Service shall be exercised prior to January 9, 2012. (Adds Article X,  
13 Section 13.1)

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Abolishes the State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State Civil Service effective Jan. 9, 2012. Provides for the legislature to provide by law for the manner in which the powers, functions, and duties allocated to the State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State Civil Service shall be exercised prior to Jan. 9, 2012.

Present constitution (Art. X) vests state and city civil service commissions with broad and general rulemaking and subpoena powers for the administration and regulation of the classified service which includes the power to adopt rules regulating compensation and disbursements to employees, and to adopt a uniform pay and classification plan for classified employees. Further authorizes the legislature to supplement the uniform pay plans for sworn, commissioned law enforcement officers employed by a bonafide police agency of the state or its political subdivisions, from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for those law enforcement officers employed on a full-time basis by such police agency of the state or its political subdivisions and who serve the welfare of the public in the capacity of a police officer by providing police services to the general public, by effecting arrests, issuing citations, and serving warrants while patrolling waterways and riverfront areas. Additionally authorizes the legislature to supplement the uniform pay plans for fire protection officers employed by a port authority from any available funds of the state, the department, the agency, or the political subdivision, provided that such supplement may be made available only for those fire protection officers employed on a full-time basis who provide fire protection services to a port authority.

Proposed constitutional amendment abolishes the State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State Civil Service effective Jan. 9, 2012. Provides for the legislature to provide by law for the manner in which the powers, functions, and duties allocated to the State Civil Service Commission and the Department of State Civil Service by present constitution shall be exercised prior to Jan. 9, 2012.

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

(Adds Const. Art. X, §13.1)