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The Honorable John Bel Edwards
Governor
State Capitol, 4th Floor
P.O. Box 94004
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Dear Governor Edwards:

Act 401 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, previously House Bill 940 by Representative Gaines, requires that higher education student identification cards contain each required element for a generally recognized picture identification card specified in R.S. 18:5629(A)(2), and an expiration so that the holder of the identification card may use it to vote in all elections. As enacted into law, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) is exempt from Act 401 primarily as a result of the financial implications.

The thirteen technical and community colleges in the LCTCS are proudly committed to promoting student participation in the democratic process. With the anniversary of our nation's independence only days away, I am proud to share with you the attached resolution that was approved by the Board of Supervisors of the LCTCS on June 24, 2016. This resolution directs LCTCS leadership to comply with all aspects of Act 401 and will allow adequate time to implement guidelines. Complying with Act 401 will provide more opportunities for our students to participate in the democratic process and will ultimately result in a better Louisiana.

Thank you for the work you are doing to support democracy.

Sincerely,

Monty Sullivan
System President

cc: Representative Gaines
Secretary of State Schedler
Senate President Alario
Senator Morrish
Speaker of the House Barras
Representative Landry
Higher Education Commissioner Rallo
Board of Regents Chairman Lipsey
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TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan
LCTCS President

FROM: Dr. Paul Carlsen *PKC*
Chief Content Officer

SUBJECT: Board Resolution: Act # 401 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session

DATE: 06/22/2016

FOR BOARD ACTION:

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve the attached resolution addressing compliance with Act # 401 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session.

Background: Act # 401 of the of the 2016 Regular Legislative Seccession, which was authored by Representative Randal L. Gaines, requires that higher education student identification cards, effective 01/01/2019, contain each required element for a generally recognized picture identification card specified in R.S. 18.5629(A)(2) and an expiration date so that the holder of the card may use it to vote in all elections. The LCTCS is exempt from Act # 401.

The LCTCS remains proudly committed to providing student with the tools they need to meaningfully participate in the democratic process in the State of Louisiana and the United States of America. The attached resolution instructs LCTCS institutions to comply with all aspects of Act # 401 by 01/01/2019.

History of Prior Actions: N/A

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact will be limited to upgrading existing identification card software and printers to capture student signatures.

Benefits to the System: Voluntarily complying with Act # 401 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session will provide more opportunities for LCTCS students to participate in in the democratic process and will ultimately enrich both our state and country.

Monty Sullivan
Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

APPROVED

SK 6/24/16
LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

6-24-16
Date

Board Resolution for June 24, 2016 meeting

WHEREAS, the technical and community colleges in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System remain proudly committed to providing students with the tools they need to meaningfully participate in the democratic process in the State of Louisiana and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, voting is the bedrock of democracy, and the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System applaud Representative Randal L. Gaines for authoring, the Louisiana Legislature for approving, and Governor Edwards for signing into law Act # 401 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session.

WHEREAS, Act # 401 requires that higher education student identification cards, effective 01/01/2019, contain each required element for a generally recognized picture identification card specified in R.S. 18:5629(A)(2) and an expiration date so that the holder of the identification card may use the identification card to vote in all elections.

WHEREAS, although the Louisiana Community and Technical College System is exempt from Act # 401, the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community Technical College System is committed to promoting the participation of students in the democratic process. Voluntarily complying with Act #401 will provide more opportunities for LCTCS students to participate in the democratic process and will ultimately enrich both our state and country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System do hereby direct the leadership to comply with all aspects of Act # 401. This will require that each college, by 01/01/2019, issue identification cards that comply with the Act # 401.