Out-of-State Board Members

THE LOD COOK ACT

THE GOAL
This bill set will allow for the possibility of higher education management board service by individuals who reside outside the state.

THE CHALLENGE
Current law prohibits the nomination or board service of individuals who live outside Louisiana, thereby preventing the potential service of alumni and non-alumni who are avid supporters of higher education.

THE OPPORTUNITY
- Each management board currently maintains 15 voting members: two (2) representatives from each Louisiana Congressional District and three (3) at-large members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.
- SB45 will change only one aspect of the appointment process. It will mandate that one (1) of the three (3) at-large members be a Louisiana resident. Therefore, one (1) or two (2) members could reside out of state.
- The Governor retains the right to appoint whomever he wishes. All in-state residents can be appointed or the boards' possible recommendations of 1 or 2 out-of-state members can be accepted.
- No matter the residency of the appointees, all members must still be confirmed by the Senate.
- SB45 will allow the higher education community to tap into the vast pool of alumni and supporters who live across the nation.
- The significant means and connections of these individuals will prove invaluable to Louisiana's colleges and universities.
- SB44 places a constitutional amendment on the December ballot, which will allow Louisiana's citizens to vote on the residency requirement change.

30 states allow out-of-state management board service