

ACT No. 447

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 425

BY REPRESENTATIVES JACKSON, ABRAHAM, ADAMS, AMEDEE, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, BISHOP, BOURRIAQUE, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, LANCE HARRIS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUVAL, JORDAN, LACOMBE, NANCY LANDRY, LEBAS, MACK, MAGEE, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MIGUEZ, GREGORY MILLER, MOORE, JAY MORRIS, MOSS, PUGH, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SEABAUGH, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, THOMAS, TURNER, WHITE, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR THOMPSON AND REPRESENTATIVES CHAD BROWN, GUINN, ANDERS, BILLIOT, DUBUISSON, IVEY, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, LARVADAIN, LEOPOLD, PEARSON, POPE, SIMON, STOKES, TALBOT, DEVILLIER, ABRAMSON, AND BOUIE AND SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, CHABERT, COLOMB, CORTEZ, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAMBERT, LONG, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, PEACOCK, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article I, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that
3 nothing in the constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion
4 or require the funding of abortion; to provide for submission of the proposed
5 amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add
9 Article I, Section 20.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §20.1. Abortion

11 Section 20.1. To protect human life, nothing in this constitution shall be
12 construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

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 3,
3 2020.

4 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
5 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
6 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
7 follows:

8 Do you support an amendment declaring that, to protect human life, a right
9 to abortion and the funding of abortion shall not be found in the Louisiana
10 Constitution? (Adds Article I, Section 20.1)

11 Section 4. Purpose and intent. This measure concerns only the rights guaranteed by
12 the Constitution of Louisiana. It is not intended to alter any rights guaranteed by the United
13 States Constitution.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE