

2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 109

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTION OFFENSES. Constitutional amendment to provide for foreign donations in elections. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact Article XI, Section 7 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to foreign donations in elections; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to enact Article XI, Section 7 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§7. Use of Foreign Monies, Goods, or Services for Financing of Campaigns and Ballot Initiatives; Prohibitions
Section 7. No funds, goods, or services donated by a foreign government, foreign entity, or noncitizen shall be used to advocate for or against any ballot proposition or question, candidate, issue, or political party, either directly or indirectly.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

1 Section 3. 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 YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 4 follows:

5 Do you support an amendment to provide that no funds, goods, or services
 6 donated by a foreign government, foreign entity, or noncitizen shall be used
 7 to advocate for or against any ballot proposition or question, candidate, issue,
 8 or political party, either directly or indirectly?

9 (Adds Article XI, Section 7)

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

SB 109 Engrossed

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Present constitution does not address foreign donations in elections.

Proposed constitutional amendment would prohibit any funds, goods, or services, donated by a foreign government, foreign entity, or noncitizen from being used to advocate for or against any ballot proposition or question, candidate, issue, or political party, either directly or indirectly.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(Adds Const. Art. XI, Sec. 7)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Clarifies that nothing be used to advocate for or against any ballot proposition or question, candidate, issue, or political party, either directly or indirectly.
2. Changes the election date for submission to the voters to November 3, 2026.