

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 242

BY SENATOR MORRELL

LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. Constitutional amendment to provide for consideration of certain matters during regular sessions in even-numbered years. (2/3 - CA3s2(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(A)(3)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to legislative sessions; to provide for consideration of certain matters during regular sessions convening in even-numbered years; 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 amend Article III, Section 2(A)(3)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§2. Sessions

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(3)

**(b)(i) No Except as provided in Item (ii) of this Subsubparagraph, no**

measure levying or authorizing a new tax by the state or by any statewide political subdivision whose boundaries are coterminous with the state; increasing an existing tax by the state or by any statewide political subdivision whose boundaries are coterminous with the state; or legislating with regard to tax exemptions, exclusions,

1           deductions or credits shall be introduced or enacted during a regular session held in  
2           an even-numbered year.

3                     **(ii) No matter intended to have the effect of law, including a measure**  
4                     **proposing a suspension of law, which is not within the subject matter**  
5                     **restrictions provided in this Subparagraph shall be introduced or considered**  
6                     **at any such session unless it is prefiled no later than the deadline provided in**  
7                     **Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, provided that the member shall not prefile**  
8                     **more than five such matters pursuant to Subsubparagraph (4)(b) of this**  
9                     **Paragraph.**

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11           Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
12           to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 6,  
13           2018.

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

18                     Do you support an amendment that provides for consideration of no more  
19                     than five prefiled bills per member which are not within the subject matter  
20                     limitations during regular sessions in even-numbered years?

21                     (Amends Article III, Section 2(A)(3)(b))

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tim Prather.

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DIGEST

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Present constitution provides that general matter regular sessions of not more than 65 legislative days in an 80 calendar day period shall occur only in even-numbered years. Prohibits legislation levying a tax, increasing an existing tax or legislation with respect to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions or credits in even-numbered years. Provides that odd-numbered year sessions be limited to the consideration of legislation which provides for making an appropriation, levying a new tax, increasing an existing tax, legislating with respect to tax exemptions, exclusions, deductions or credits or issuing bonds.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for consideration of no more than five prefiled

bills per member which are not within the subject matter limitations during a regular session in even-numbered years.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 6, 2018.

(Amends Const. Art. III, Sec. 2(A)(3)(b))