

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

LEGISLATIVE AGCY/LAW INST: Directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the Constitution of Louisiana and make recommendations to the legislature regarding transitional and outdated language that can be removed or changed without affecting the effect of the constitutional provisions

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make
3 recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana regarding language in the
4 Constitution of Louisiana that is outdated or transitional in nature and which can be
5 removed or updated without affecting the effect of the constitutional provisions.

6 WHEREAS, it has been more than forty-five years since the Constitution of
7 Louisiana became effective at midnight on December 31, 1974, and during these years the
8 document which constitutes the state's basic law has been amended some one hundred
9 ninety-seven times; and

10 WHEREAS, the language of the Constitution of Louisiana has not been studied
11 broadly since it became effective and the legislature recognizes the importance for legal
12 scholars to review the language to determine if there are updates or modifications to the
13 language that should be made without changing the meaning and effect of the law.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and make recommendations
16 to the Legislature of Louisiana regarding language in the Constitution of Louisiana that is
17 outdated or transitional in nature and which can be removed or updated without affecting the
18 effect of the constitutional provisions.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute should further
20 identify language in the constitution that is legally unnecessary, redundant, or obsolete;

1 language that from an organizational or structural perspective should either be placed
2 elsewhere in the constitution or should be reworded; and language that either from a best
3 practice or comparative perspective is unusual or most commonly located in statute.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit
5 its findings and recommendations to each member of the legislature no later than February
6 1, 2022.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

DIGEST

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Directs the La. State Law Institute to study and make recommendations to the legislature regarding language in the Constitution of La. that is outdated or transitional in nature and which can be removed or updated without affecting the effect of the constitutional provisions as well as making other recommendations and to report to the legislature no later than Feb. 1, 2022.