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HOUSE BILL NO. 199

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BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

SHERIFFS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for term limits for sheriffs

A JOINT RESOLUTION

| 2  | Proposing to amend Article V, Section 27 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to          |
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| 3  | sheriffs, to provide for term limits for sheriffs; to provide for submission of the             |
| 4  | proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.                         |
| 5  | Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members            |
| 6  | elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of |
| 7  | Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to         |
| 8  | amend Article V, Section 27 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:               |
| 9  | §27. Sheriffs   |
| 10 | Section 27.(A) In each parish a sheriff shall be elected for a term of four                     |
| 11 | years. He shall be the chief law enforcement officer in the parish, except as                   |
| 12 | otherwise provided by this constitution, and shall execute court orders and process.            |
| 13 | He shall be the collector of state and parish ad valorem taxes and such other taxes             |
| 14 | and license fees as provided by law.  |
| 15 | This Section shall not apply to Orleans Parish.   |
| 16 | (B) Election Limitation. No person who has been elected to serve as a                           |
| 17 | sheriff for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service           |
| 18 | being during a term of office that began on or after January 8, 2024, shall be elected          |
| 19 | as a sheriff for the succeeding term  |

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 8, 3 2022. 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 to limit the number of terms all sheriffs may 9 serve to no more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms? 10 (Amends Article V, Section 27)

## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Sets term limits for elected sheriffs.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides for the election of a sheriff in each parish.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides for term limitations for all sheriffs. Prohibits a person who has served as a sheriff more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms from being elected as sheriff for the succeeding term.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §27)