

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to direct the printer of the Constitution of Louisiana to stop printing unconstitutionally adopted language in Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana enacted Act No. 1492 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana which proposed to amend Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the enrolled bill which was submitted to the voters did not incorporate an amendment adopted by the House and concurred in by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, at the congressional primary election held in 1998, a majority of the electors of the state voted in favor of Act No. 1492; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Supreme Court held in *Shepherd v. Schedler*, 209 So.3d 752 (La. 1/27/16), that Act No. 1492 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana is null and void because it was not constitutionally adopted; and

WHEREAS, the printer of the Constitution of Louisiana continues to print Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana as amended by Act. No. 1492 accompanied by a validity note regarding the holding of the supreme court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to direct the printer of the Constitution of Louisiana to stop printing the unconstitutionally adopted language and to direct the printing of Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana as follows:

"§10. Right to Vote

Section 10. Right to Vote. Every citizen of the state, upon reaching eighteen years of age, shall have the right to register and vote, except that this right may be suspended while a person is interdicted and judicially declared mentally incompetent or is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana State Law Institute and that the Louisiana State Law Institute forward one such copy to the printer of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE