2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 567

BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLE

GOVERNOR: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the powers and duties of the governor

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
2	Proposing to amend Article IV, Section $V(J)$ of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the
3	powers and duties of the governor; to provide relative to the role of the governor as
4	commander-in-chief; to authorize the legislature to provide by law the circumstances
5	under which the governor shall activate the Louisiana National Guard for active
6	combat duty in defense of the United States; to provide for submission of the
7	proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.
8	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
9	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
10	Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
11	amend Article IV, Section V(J) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
12	§5. Governor; Powers and Duties
13	* * *
14	(J)(1) Commander-in-Chief. The governor shall be commander-in-chief of
15	the armed forces of the state, except when they are called into service of the federal
16	government. He may call out these forces to preserve law and order, to suppress
17	insurrection, to repel invasion, or in other times of emergency.
18	(2) The governor shall order the Louisiana National Guard into active combat
19	duty as provided by law.

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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 5,	
3	2024.	
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 a	
7	follows:	
8	Do you support an amendment to authorize the legislature to provide by law	
9	the circumstances under which the governor shall activate the Louisiana	
10	National Guard for active combat duty in defense of the United States?	
11	(Amends Article IV, Section V(J))	

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the legislature to provide by law the circumstances under which the La. National Guard shall be called into active combat duty by the governor in defense of the U.S.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides the powers and duties of the governor.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that the governor shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the state.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution</u> but authorizes the legislature to provide by law the circumstances under which the La. National Guard shall be called into active combat duty by the governor in defense of the U.S.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. IV, §V(J))