

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 522

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

ELECTION DAYS: Calls a special election for submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the state's electors

1 AN ACT

2 To provide for a special statewide election to be held on October 19, 2013, for the purpose  
3 of submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the electors of the state; to  
4 provide for the conduct of such election; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. A special statewide election shall be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013,  
7 for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the state proposed constitutional amendments  
8 as contained in joint resolutions concurred in by each house of the Legislature during the  
9 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature.

10 Section 2. The election for which provision is made in this Act shall be held in  
11 compliance with and subject to the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code.

12 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
13 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
14 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
15 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
16 effective on the day following such approval.

17 Section 4. This Act shall be void and of no effect if no proposed constitutional  
18 amendment as contained in a joint resolution is concurred in by each house of the  
19 Legislature during the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature that specifies the special  
20 statewide election provided in this Act as the statewide election at which the proposed  
21 constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for a special statewide election to be held on Sat., Oct. 19, 2013, for the purpose of submitting proposed constitutional amendments to the electors of the state.

Present constitution (Const. Art. XIII, §1(A)(1)) requires that each joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment specify the statewide election at which the proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the state's electors for ratification. Provides that special elections for submitting proposed constitutional amendments may be authorized by law.

Proposed law provides that a special statewide election shall be held on Sat. Oct. 19, 2013, for the purpose of submitting to the state's electors proposed constitutional amendments contained in joint resolutions concurred in during the 2013 R.S. Provides that proposed law shall be void and of no effect if no proposed constitutional amendment is concurred in during the 2013 R.S. that specifies the special statewide election on Oct. 19, 2013, as the statewide election at which the proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the electors.

Proposed law provides that the election shall be held in compliance with applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.