

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 592

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides with respect to the prohibition of the passage of a local or special law regarding labor

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article III, Section 12(6) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide  
3 an exception to the prohibition against the passage of any local or special law  
4 regarding labor; to allow the legislature to enact a local minimum wage law; to  
5 provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide  
6 for related matters.

7 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members  
8 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of  
9 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to  
10 amend Article III, Section 12(6) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

11 §12. Prohibited Local and Special Laws

12 Section 12.(A) Prohibitions. Except as otherwise provided in this  
13 constitution, the legislature shall not pass a local or special law:

14 \* \* \*

15 (6) Regulating labor, except minimum wage, trade, manufacturing, or  
16 agriculture; fixing the rate of interest.

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18 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
19 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,  
20 2014.

1           Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
2 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
3 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
4 follows:

5                   Do you support an amendment to allow the legislature to enact a local law  
6                   regarding minimum wage? (Effective January 1, 2015) (Amends Article III,  
7                   Section 12(6))

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that the legislature may enact a local law regarding minimum wage.

Present constitution provides that the legislature shall not pass a local or special law regarding labor, trade, manufacturing, or agriculture; fixing the rate of interest.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides an exception to present constitution, which would allow the legislature to enact a local or special law regarding minimum wage.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art III, §12(6))