Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 591

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

CHILDREN/PARENTAL RIGHTS: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to parental rights

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
2	Proposing to add Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to protect parental
3	rights; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to
4	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 add
8	Article I, Section 28 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
9	<u>§28. Parental Rights</u>
10	Section 28. The liberty of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, and
11	care of the parent's child is a fundamental right and the role of the state in the family
12	should only be asserted when there is a serious threat to the family, the parents, or
13	the child.
14	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
15	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
16	2014.
17	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
18	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
19	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
20	follows:

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	Do you support an amendment to establish a parent's right to direct the
2	upbringing, education, and care of his child as a fundamental right and to
3	limit the role of the state in the family? (Adds Article I, Section 28)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a parent's right to direct the upbringing, education, and care of his child as a fundamental right and limits the role of the state in the family.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that a parent's right to direct the upbringing, education, and care of his child is a fundamental right and limits the role of the state to those instances where there is a serious threat to the parents, the child, or the family.

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

(Adds Const. Art. I, §28)