

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON AND AMEDEE

MARRIAGE: Directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to hold certain meetings at the Louisiana State Capitol

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to hold any council or committee meetings in
3 response to Senate Resolution No. 143 of the 2016 Regular Session of the
4 Legislature at the Louisiana State Capitol in any available House or Senate
5 committee room, with all meetings open to the public and subject to archived video.

6 WHEREAS, Article III, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana states that the
7 "legislative power of the state is vested in a legislature" and, therefore, public policy
8 decisions are to be made by the Legislature; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2004, the Legislature of Louisiana enacted Act No. 926, which
10 originated as House Bill No. 61 of the 2004 Regular Session, which proposed an amendment
11 to the Constitution of Louisiana known as the "Defense of Marriage" Act, and which
12 declared that "marriage in the state of Louisiana shall consist only of the union of one man
13 and one woman"; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2004, the people of Louisiana, by a favorable vote of seventy-eight
15 percent of Louisiana's electorate, amended the Constitution of Louisiana to declare that
16 marriage shall be between one man and one woman; and

17 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution 143 of the 2016 Regular Session was passed by the
18 Louisiana Senate in response to the United States Supreme Court case of *Obergefell v.*
19 *Hodges*; and

1 WHEREAS, Senate Resolution No. 143 of the 2016 Regular Session was never
2 presented to the Louisiana House of Representatives and, therefore, is not a request or a
3 mandate from the legislature as a whole; and

4 WHEREAS, since Senate Resolution No. 143 of the 2016 Regular Session was
5 passed without concurrence of the Louisiana House of Representatives, any action taken by
6 the Louisiana State Law Institute on the matter is not at the request of the Louisiana House
7 of Representatives or the legislature as a whole; and

8 WHEREAS, because of the serious nature of this issue and the importance of the
9 topic, it is imperative that if the Marriage-Persons Committee or any other committee of the
10 Louisiana State Law Institute chooses to meet in response to Senate Resolution No. 143,
11 members of the Louisiana Legislature and the public should be given notice of all meetings
12 related to Senate Resolution No. 143 of the 2016 Regular Session prior to any reports being
13 generated which are related to Senate Resolution 143.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to hold any
16 council or committee meetings in response to Senate Resolution No. 143 of the 2016
17 Regular Session at the Louisiana State Capitol in any available House or Senate committee
18 room with all meetings open to the public and with all meetings subject to archived video.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

DIGEST

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Mike Johnson

Directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to hold any council or committee meetings in response to Senate Resolution No. 143 of the 2016 R.S. at the La. State Capitol building in any available House or Senate committee room with all meetings open to the public and with all meetings subject to archived video.