

1 the government that explicitly burdened religious exercise as for an action that indirectly
2 burdened religious exercise through its effect.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the governor to ensure that the
5 religious liberty and right to assemble without restriction of Louisiana citizens be protected
6 at all times, including during states of emergency.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
8 of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the governor not to authorize, restrict, or
9 otherwise impose a penalty for individuals who wish to assemble for religious purposes,
10 according to their constitutionally-bestowed rights and liberties.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
12 of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the governor to give absolute assurance to the
13 people of this state that their religious liberties will be protected at all times, including
14 during states of emergencies.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 governor.

DIGEST

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Present law (Const. Preamble) provides that the people of Louisiana desire to protect individual rights to liberty, including religious liberty.

Present law (Const. Art. I, §8) provides that no law shall be enacted respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

Present law (Const. Art. IV, §5(A)) provides that the governor shall faithfully support the constitution and laws of the state and see that they are faithfully executed.

Present law (R.S. 13:5232) provides for the Preservation of Religious Freedom Act, which provides the same level of protection for a governmental action that explicitly burdens religious exercise as for an action that indirectly burdens religious exercise.

Requests the governor to ensure that the religious liberties and rights to assemble without restriction of La. citizens are protected at all times, including during states of emergencies.

Requests the governor not to authorize or impose any mandate that would restrict any individual from assembling and practicing their religious freedoms.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the original bill:

1. Change "direct" to "urge and request".