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HOUSE BILL NO. 177

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DISCRIMINATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Prohibits discrimination based on
vaccination or immunity status

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION
2 Proposing to amend Article I, Sections 3 and 12 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to prohibit
3 arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable discrimination based on vaccination or
4 immunity status; to prohibit discrimination in access to public areas,
5 accommodations, and facilities based on vaccination or immunity status; to provide
6 for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
9 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
10 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
11 amend Article I, Sections 3 and 12 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

12 §3. Right to Individual Dignity

13 Section 3. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws. No
14 law shall discriminate against a person because of race or religious ideas, beliefs, or
15 affiliations. No law shall arbitrarily, capriciously, or unreasonably discriminate
16 against a person because of birth, age, sex, culture, physical condition, or political
17 ideas or affiliations. Physical condition includes a person's vaccination status or
18 immunity status. Slavery and involuntary servitude are prohibited, except in the
19 latter case as punishment for crime.

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are additions.

1 §12. Freedom from Discrimination

2 Section 12. In access to public areas, accommodations, and facilities, every
3 person shall be free from discrimination based on race, religion, or national ancestry
4 and from arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable discrimination based on age, sex, or
5 physical condition. Physical condition includes a person's vaccination status or
6 immunity status.

7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
8 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8,
9 2022.

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

14 Do you support an amendment to prohibit arbitrary, capricious, or
15 unreasonable discrimination based on a person's vaccination status or
16 immunity status? (Amends Article I, Sections 3 and 12)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable discrimination based on a person's vaccination status or immunity status.

Present constitution provides that no law shall arbitrarily, capriciously, or unreasonably discriminate against a person because of birth, age, sex, culture, physical condition, or political ideas or affiliations.

Present constitution further provides that in access to public areas, accommodations, and facilities, every person shall be free from arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable discrimination based on age, sex, or physical condition

Proposed constitution maintains present constitution and provides that physical condition includes a person's vaccination status or immunity status.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 8, 2022.

(Amends Const. Art. I, §§3 and 12)