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2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 242

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

JUDGES: (Constitutional Amendment) Authorizes judges to serve as an attorney member of a medical review panel

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article V, Section 24(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for 3 the qualifications of judges; to provide for the prohibition against practicing law; to 4 authorize judges to practice law for the purpose of serving as an attorney member of 5 a medical review panel; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the 6 electors; and to provide 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 V, Section 24(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 11 §24. Judges; Qualifications 12 Section 24. 13 14 (B) He A judge provided for in Paragraph A of this Section shall not practice 15 law, except that he may serve as an attorney member of a medical review panel. 16 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 17 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 18 2022. 19 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted 20

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to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
follows:

Do you support an amendment to authorize judges to practice law for the
purpose of serving as an attorney member of a medical review panel?

(Amends Article V, Section 24(B))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes judges to practice law for the limited purpose of serving as the attorney member on a medical review panel.

<u>Present constitution</u> prohibits a judge of the supreme court, a court of appeal, district court, family court, parish court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction from practicing law.

<u>Proposed constitution</u> authorizes such judges to practice law for the limited purpose of serving as an attorney member of a medical review panel.

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

(Amends Const. Art. V, §24(B))