

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 199

BY SENATOR SMITH

VOTERS/VOTING. Constitutional amendment to ensure the right to free and equal elections. (2/3 - CA13s1(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article I, Section 10.2 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to elections; to provide for free and equal elections; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article I, Section 10.2 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

**§10.2. Freedom of Elections**

**All elections shall be free and equal; and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere with or prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage.**

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

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

1 follows:

2 Do you support an amendment to ensure that all elections are free and equal  
3 and that no power, civil or military, shall interfere with or prevent the  
4 exercise of the right of suffrage?

5 (Adds Art. I, Section 10.2)

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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Proposed constitution requires all elections to be fair and equal and disallows the interference with or prevention from exercise of the right to vote by any power, civil or military.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2022.

(Adds Const. Art. I, Section 10.2)