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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES: Requests the governmental affairs committees of the House of Representatives and Senate to meet and function as a joint committee to make recommendations regarding the establishment of procedures for an initiative process in Louisiana

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate
3	Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint
4	committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the implementation
5	of initiative and referendum in Louisiana, including recommended legislation.
6	WHEREAS, the initiative is a process that enables citizens to bypass their state
7	legislature to propose statutes and, in some states, constitutional amendments through a
8	process to place the matter on the ballot; and
9	WHEREAS, twenty-four states have some type of initiative process guaranteed in
10	the constitutions of those states; and
11	WHEREAS, there are two types of initiatives, direct and indirect; in the direct
12	process, qualified proposals are placed directly on the ballot; in the indirect process, a
13	proposal is first submitted to the legislature; and
14	WHEREAS, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, no two
15	states have exactly the same requirements for qualifying initiatives to be placed on the
16	ballot; and
17	WHEREAS, House Bill No. 165 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature is
18	a proposed constitutional amendment to allow the people of Louisiana to propose by
19	initiative a new law, an amendment to or repeal of an existing law, or an amendment to the
20	constitution and to adopt or reject the proposal through or independent of the legislature;

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1 House Bill No. 165 further requires the legislature to provide the procedures, form, and

- 2 manner by which the people may exercise these rights.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
- 4 request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate
- 5 Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee
- 6 to study and make recommendations with respect to the implementation of initiative and
- 7 referendum in Louisiana, including recommended legislation, if and when the proposed
- 8 amendment to the Constitution of Louisiana contained in House Bill No. 165 of this 2023
- 9 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report its findings to
- the legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2024 Regular Session
- of the Legislature.

DIGEST

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Requests the House and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee to meet and function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the implementation of initiative and referendum, including recommended legislation, in a report to the legislature no later than 30 days prior to the 2024 R.S.