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HOUSE BILL NO. 273

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BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAMERHORN

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for term limits for certain parish and municipal officials

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article VI, Section 11 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide 3 election limitations for certain parish and municipal officials; to provide for 4 submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related 5 matters. 6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members 7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of 8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to 9 amend Article VI, Section 11 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 10 §11. Local Officials; Election Limitations 11 Section 11.(A) The electors of each local governmental subdivision shall 12 have the exclusive right to elect their governing authority. Nothing herein in this 13 Section shall be construed to prohibit the election of the members from 14 single-member districts. 15 B.(1) No parish president, member of a parish governing authority, mayor, 16 or member of a municipal governing authority who has been elected to serve in any 17 such office for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that 18 service being during a term of office that began on or after January 1, 2025, shall be 19 elected to the same office for the succeeding term.

1	(2) In addition to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph, no parish president,
2	member of a parish governing authority, mayor, or member of a municipal governing
3	authority who is in office on January 1, 2025, and who has been elected four
4	successive times to serve in that office shall be elected to the same office for the
5	succeeding term.
6	Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
7	to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 5,
8	2024.
9	Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
10	there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
11	to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
12	follows:
13	Do you support an amendment to provide term limits for parish presidents,
14	mayors, and parish and municipal governing authorities? (Amends Article
15	VI, Section 11)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides term limits for parish presidents, mayors, and parish and municipal governing authorities.

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits a parish president, member of a parish governing authority, mayor, or member of a municipal governing authority who has been elected to serve in any such office for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, that service being during a term of office that began on or after Jan. 1, 2025, from being elected to the same office for the succeeding term. Further prohibits any such official who is in office on Jan. 1, 2025, and who has been elected four successive times to serve in that office from being elected to the same office for the succeeding term.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §11)