
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 98 by Representative Mandie Landry as proposed by the House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure

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Proposing to repeal Article XII, Section 15 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to marriage; to provide relative to valid marriages; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

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 of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to repeal Article XII, Section 15 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

Section 2. Article XII, Section 15 of the Constitution of Louisiana is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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

Do you support an amendment to remove the requirement that marriage in the state of Louisiana shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman? (Repeals Article XII, Section 15)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the constitutional requirement that marriage consist of one man and one woman.

Present constitution provides that marriage in the state of Louisiana shall consist only of the union of one man and one woman.

Present constitution provides that no court shall construe any state law to require that marriage be conferred upon anyone other than a man and woman.

Present constitution provides that a legal status identical or substantially similar to marriage shall not be recognized in the state.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals present constitution.

(Repeals Const. Art. XII, §15)