

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article I, Section 18(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the right to bail; to prohibit bail for offenders who have been convicted of certain offenses; 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 add Article I, Section 18(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§18. Right to Bail

Section 18.

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(C) However, after conviction, a person shall not be bailable if the offense is an aggravated offense as defined by R.S. 15:541 that is committed against a victim who is a minor.

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 3, 2026.

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:

1 Do you support an amendment to prohibit a defendant from being released
2 on any post-conviction bail if the defendant is convicted of an aggravated
3 offense against a minor child? (Adds Article I, Section 18(C))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE