

ACT No. 277

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN AND SENATORS ALLAIN, BARROW, BASS, CATHEY, CLOUD, EDMONDS, FESI, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MIGUEZ, PRESSLY, SEABAUGH, AND WHEAT

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article I, Section 4(B)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to
3 the right to property; to prohibit expropriation by foreign adversaries; 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 I, Section 4(B)(4) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §4. Right to Property

11 Section 4.

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13 (B)

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15 (4) Property shall not be taken or damaged by any private entity authorized
16 by law to expropriate, except for a public and necessary purpose and with just
17 compensation paid to the owner; in such proceedings, whether the purpose is public
18 and necessary shall be a judicial question. No private entity that is a foreign
19 adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary, as defined by law, shall take or damage
20 property.

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22 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
23 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
24 2026.

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

5 Do you support an amendment to prohibit expropriation of property by a
6 foreign adversary or an agent of a foreign adversary?

7 (Amends Article I, Section 4(B)(4))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE