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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Representative Richmond to Engrossed House Bill No. 61 by Representative Scalise

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete line 2 in its entirety and insert "Proposing to amend Article I, Section
3 17(A) and to add Article I, Section 17.1 and 27,"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, delete "to marriage" and insert "declaration of rights; to abolish capital
6 punishment;"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, line 8, after "to" delete "add" and insert "amend Article I, Section 17(A) and to
9 add Article I, Sections 17.1 and 27"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 1, at the beginning of line 9, delete "Article 1, Section 27"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 5

13 On page 1, between lines 9 and 10 insert the following:

14 "§17. Jury Trial in Criminal Cases; Joinder of Felonies; Mode of Trial
15 Section 17.(A) Jury Trial in Criminal Cases. ~~A criminal case in which the~~
16 ~~punishment may be capital shall be tried before a jury of twelve persons, all of whom~~
17 ~~must concur to render a verdict.~~ A case in which the punishment is necessarily
18 confinement at hard labor shall be tried before a jury of twelve persons, ten of whom
19 must concur to render a verdict. A case in which the punishment may be
20 confinement at hard labor or confinement without hard labor for more than six
21 months shall be tried before a jury of six persons, all of whom must concur to render
22 a verdict. The accused shall have a right to full voir dire examination of prospective
23 jurors and to challenge jurors peremptorily. The number of challenges shall be fixed
24 by law. Except in capital cases, a defendant may knowingly and intelligently waive
25 his right to a trial by jury.

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27 §17.1. Capital Punishment; Abolished

28 Section 17.1. Capital punishment abolished. Capital punishment is hereby
29 abolished as a criminal penalty in this state. No person shall be put to death by the
30 state as punishment for the commission of any crime.

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32 AMENDMENT NO. 6

- 1 On page 2, line 8, after "to" and before "provide" insert "abolish capital punishment and to"