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HOUSE BILL NO. 589

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EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for a state minimum wage

A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to add Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to establish a state 3 minimum wage; to provide a minimum amount for the minimum wage; to provide 4 that the legislature may enact a higher minimum wage; to provide for submission of 5 the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related 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 add 9 Article XII, Section 17 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: 10 §17. Establishment of state minimum wage 11 Section 17. The state minimum wage is established and shall be five cents 12 per hour higher than the minimum wage set by the federal Fair Labor and Standards 13 Act or its successor law. The legislature may enact legislation establishing an 14 identical or higher minimum wage. If the legislature enacts legislation which 15 establishes a minimum wage which is higher than the minimum wage established by 16 this Article, the state minimum wage rate shall be increased to the level of the higher 17 amount. 18 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted 19 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 20 2014.

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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 establish a state minimum wage which is
five cents higher than the current federal minimum wage? (Effective July 1,
2015) (Enacts Article XII, Section 17)

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a state minimum wage at five cents per hour higher than the federal minimum wage.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> establishes a state minimum wage and provides that it shall be \$0.05 higher per hour than the federal minimum wage.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> provides that the legislature may enact a minimum wage law that is higher than the minimum wage, and if so, the higher minimum wage shall be used.

Provides for submission of the proposed constitutional amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 4, 2014.

(Adds Const. Art. XII §17)