

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 341

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to departments of the executive branch of state government

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 1(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to
3 organization of the executive branch of state government; to provide for the
4 maximum number of departments in the executive branch of state government; to
5 provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
8 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
9 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
10 amend Article IV, Section 1(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

11 §1. Composition; Number of Departments; Reorganization

12 Section 1.

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14 (B) Number of Departments. Except for the offices of governor and
15 lieutenant governor, all offices, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the executive
16 branch and their functions, powers, duties, and responsibilities shall be allocated
17 according to function within not more than ~~twenty~~ twenty-one departments. The
18 powers, functions, and duties allocated by this constitution to any executive office
19 or commission shall not be affected or diminished by the allocation provided herein
20 except as authorized by Section 20 of this Article.

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1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
2 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
3 2014.

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

8 Do you support an amendment to change the maximum number of
9 departments in the executive branch of state government from twenty to
10 twenty-one? (Amends Article IV, Section 1(B))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the maximum number of departments in the executive branch of state government from 20 to 21.

Present constitution provides that the executive branch of state government consists of all executive offices, agencies, and instrumentalities of the state. Requires that, except for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor, all offices, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the executive branch and their functions, powers, duties, and responsibilities shall be allocated according to function within not more than 20 departments.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution except changes the maximum number of executive branch departments from 20 to 21.

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

(Amends Art. IV, §1(B))